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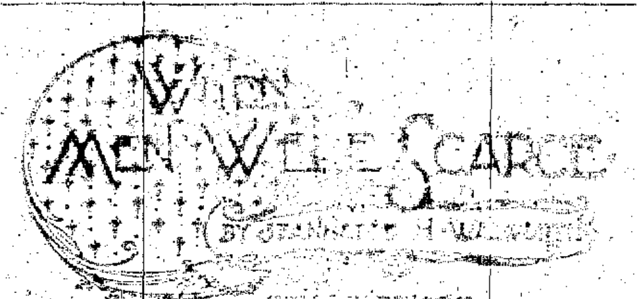

WHEN MEN WERE SCARCE

BY JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH

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CHAPTER V.

When a snow white screech owl with luminous, jeweled eyes had dazingly alighted two evenings in succession on the cape jasmine bush that grew just outside the parlor window at Belhaven and Marianne Belknap spilled the salt at breakfast on the morning of the day her brother Reginald was expected home, Miss Varina Monckton looked tragic.

Something frightful must follow in the wake of two such incontestible signs of bad luck. Her heart grew still heavier when, chancing to catch a glimpse of Master Max Belknap's [illegible] socks, she discovered that one of them was wrong side out.

Miss Varina Monckton was governess and companion to Miss Marianne Belknap. Master Maxwell Belknap, the twin brother of the latter, had also up to this his sixteenth year been under that reduced gentlewoman's tutelage.

That Miss Monckton's educational methods left anything to be desired was an idea that had never presented itself for consideration. The dual claim of distant cousinship to the defunct Mrs. Belknap and hopeless impecuniosity had established her at Belhaven. Once established the pyramids themselves were not more immovable.

Mrs. Anthony M. Belknap had died first. Old Tony had lived long enough after her to execute that mischievous will which put it in the power of his older son to impoverish the twins.

When that big game on the Red Wing was played—a game that is still referred to in reminiscent stories of the "good old times on the Mississippi river"—the Belknap twins were just 16 years old—a trying age for a girl, a bumptious one for a boy.

All that Miss Monckton could do to saturate her pupils with a wholesome awe of signs and omens she had conscientiously done. All that could be left undone in the way of broadening the moral horizon for her pupils had been rigidly excluded. Belhaven, as were all the large plantations of the county, was, perforce of its lordly dimensions, isolated from its neighbors. Isolation is the favorite ally of superstition.

The Bascom place adjoined Belhaven—that is to say, that only five miles of frequently impassable road intervened.

When old Tony had seen the inevitable staring him in the face, he had given his son Reginald this parting injunction:

"If ever you find yourself in a tight place, boy, go to Merriman Bascom. He is a gentleman and a good friend of mine."

[illegible] bachelor [illegible] Monckton jealously guarding [illegible] only reputation for [illegible] the other, intercourse between the two places had been [illegible]. Furthermore, none of the Belknaps had as yet found himself "in a tight place." Marianne was the only one who had a real grievance, and that was one the colonel could not remedy.

Maxwell's sex was his sister's grievance.

"If you had only been a twin sister or I had been a twin brother, Maxey, so many things would have been easier to settle."

"What, for instance?"

They were sitting around the library table, which was littered with books and papers, Marianne reflectively punching holes in her French exercise with a hairpin, Max laboriously smearing out the miscalculations by radical sums which he had made all over his slate.

"Why, we could go off to a young ladies' seminary together, like the Pettit girls, or to a boys' high school. I am getting mortal tired of Monksey. I believe she has taught us all she knows already."

"More, too!" Max assented briskly. "And I tell you what, Marianne, if Reggie was to hear that rot about the owl and the salt I just know he'd send her kiting."

Marianne glanced nervously over her shoulder toward the door through which Miss Monckton must return.

"Oh, no, I don't think Reggie would dare do that, but one doesn't like to be made responsible for family troubles just because the salt-cellar tips over. I declare, I have been having goose flesh shivers down my back all day."

The door had opened behind her to admit Miss Monckton and the darning basket she had gone to fetch.

"My dear child"—she looked at Marianne appealingly—"pray don't say you have been having 'goose flesh' shiverings all day."

"What must I say—'goose flesh shiverings'?"

"Oh, the expression is good enough! But the omen—you have surely heard what it means?"

"No 'm, I haven't, or if I ever have I've forgotten."

Miss Monckton seated herself near the lamp and sighed dismally.

"It means that somebody is walking over your grave."

"Well, what of that, so long as she isn't in it?" Max snapped, stirred to wrath by the sudden paling of Marianne's cheeks.

"The truth is," said Marianne, pushing her exercise book aside with an irritated gesture, "Reggie is the only member of this family that has any common sense, and I wish he would come home."

Max turned on her sharply.

"Oh, I say, now, sis, I'd rather you wouldn't be so sweeping! Just speak for yourself and Monksey, please. I don't care if 40 white owls roost on the cape jasmine bush every night and you may spill the salt every day of your life so you leave me enough to put in my victuals."

Miss Monckton regarded him severely over the gold rims of her pince-nez.

"There is a certain sort of courage, Maxwell, that comes from ignorance. Savages and boys are usually lavishly endowed with it. I would also like to suggest that 'food' is quite as expressive and much more elegant than 'victuals.'"

The boy laughed and [illegible] crossing his smudgy slate with a perfect fair likeness of Miss Varina, pursued by a legion of small devils. It made her laugh, but she passed her handkerchief over the slate before going back to her place.

"I say, Monksey, don't omens and signs ever mean 'good luck?'" she asked, with a stir of genuine anxiety in her voice.

"Of course they do."

"Well, then, do try to think up some that mean good luck to Reggie. The truth is, whenever he goes away we grow fanciful. [illegible]"

Miss Monckton [illegible].

"Reginald may have [illegible] him, but he certainly would have dropped me a line. I agree with you that he has been most inconsiderate."

"Oh, I didn't say that. Reggie is never inconsiderate. He is just the dearest fellow in the world. I wish he never had to go away from home. The house is empty without him." Max looked at her with dancing eyes.

"I don't know what you and Monksey will do when Reggie and I go into the army."

"Army? What army?"

"Ours, of course. The southern army. I heard Mr. Potts and Mr. Thatcher talking about it when I went in for the mail this morning, and they say it just can't be staved off much longer. I shouldn't wonder if that was what was keeping Reggie so long."

"If that was keeping him, Max! You talk like an infant."

"Precisely," said Miss Monckton, "and old as you are, Maxwell, I feel strongly tempted to order you to bed."

Max glared rebelliously.

"Calling a fellow names nor ordering him to bed won't put back the war a single day, and I know my brother Reginald will be one of the first men to shed his blood for his country. My brother is cut out for a soldier. I guess he will fit out a company of his own. He will be captain of it, and I am going as his first lieutenant. I hope we will have red stripes down our trousers legs and red pompons in our caps. I say, sis, then won't you wish you had been a twin brother?"

This bit of bombastic eloquence relieved the nervous tension on Marianne's spirits. Her laugh rang out clearly and gleefully. In the midst of it Miss Monckton raised her hand impatiently.

"Be still a moment, Marianne. Isn't that Reggie's setter howling so?"

Marianne's mirth died away in a fervent sigh. Miss Monckton suspended her darning and leaned forward in an attitude of strained attention. Maxwell stopped the scratching of his pencil on his slate.

[illegible] in a sort of moan.

"[illegible]" said Miss Monckton, [illegible] triumph at her [illegible].

"[illegible] of what?" Max asked, recovering from his spasm of nervousness with a boisterous laugh.

"That this day had begun all wrong and that we need not look for anything to go right until another sunrise."

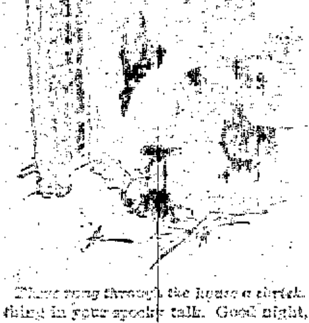
"Well, that being the case, I think I'll go to bed and sleep off the remnant of this one." Max pushed his chair back with such force as to send it sprawling on its back.

"Mercy on us, Maxwell, are you in league with the spirits of evil?"

"What now?"

"Don't you know throwing your chair down means the loss of money?"

"Oh, jiminy criminy, I'm going to bed. I say, Monksey, suppose you go too. I wouldn't mind listening to you all night, but Marianne says you are the [illegible] of thinking there is something in your spooky talk. Good night, sis. Take my advice and practice that piece Reggie wants you to accompany him in. He is sure to ask you for it the first evening after he gets home."



"Good advice," said Marianne, shaking off the spell of Miss Monckton's weaving resolutely and seating herself at the piano.

Maxwell stole quietly from the room when she had become oblivious of his presence. Miss Monckton darned awhile longer, and then she, too, left the room. Mammy Jane came and seated herself patiently on a chair by the fireside. Presently, when her "chile" should grow tired of playing, she would go with her to her bedroom and plait her long hair into two shining coils and tuck her in bed as she had done every night of the 16 years of her life. Mammy Jane's turbaned head dropped forward on her ample bosom in a few moments, and the gentle sound of her snoring mingled with the music Marianne was making. The dancing flames of the wood fire cast fantastic shadows on the walls. One steady blaze fell upon the portraits of old Tony Belknap and his wife as they hung side by side on the wall over the piano. It was a pleasant, homelike interior, the prettiest bit in it being the girlish figure at the instrument, which had stood in that corner of the library ever since that old gentleman in the high satin stock had brought that lady in curls and a very long waisted brocade home many years before as a bride.

The piano stood [illegible] one of the long windows which opened immediately on [illegible].

A [illegible] rang through the house—a shriek that brought Miss Monckton in [illegible] and gown, Maxwell [illegible] glimmer and a couple of affrighted housemaids, all scurrying toward the library, from whence the blood curdling scream had sounded.

The sight that confronted them was Mammy Jane kneeling by Marianne, who lay unconscious on the rug before the piano. The old woman was rapidly [illegible] hands and temples. To the frightened appeals for enlightenment she had but one answer:

"The good Lord only knows! She was playing just as happy and peaceful as could be, when all of a sudden she screamed that one scream and just toppled over like you see her."

One only knew!

Fleeing away in the darkness, as Cain may have fled with the brand of the outcast fresh upon him, Reginald Belknap turned his back upon the home he had ruined. For an hour he had sat upon the cold [illegible] of the front steps, lacking the courage necessary to carry him over the threshold. He knew quite well how all the little family circle was [illegible] itself at that hour. [illegible] Miss Monckton, with her silly superstitions, appealed to the tenderer side of his nature. He had smiled bitterly out there in the still obscurity of the starlit lawn, when, not caring to be betrayed by his setter before he was ready to announce himself, he had tied the poor beast to a tree in punishment for its first frantic yelp of welcome.

"Hey there, Jolly! Monksey will set those howls down to bad luck."

Then he had resumed his seat on the front steps to wait. He must make his statement up before he confronted Marianne. Somehow or other in the flood of remorse that had whelmed him for his criminal conduct it was his gentle young sister alone toward whom he abased his soul in abject contrition. Maxwell was young, and he was a man. The two could weather this storm some fashion. But Marianne—Marianne, who had always looked up to him as something a little superior to common flesh and blood? How was he to confront her, look into her sinless face and tell her that he had gambled the roof from over her head?

Curiously enough—if sharper it could be—the sting of his wrongdoing grew sharpest at thought of who the new master of Belhaven was.

"And I must tell her, proud little patrician that she is, that her home, the home she loves with every fiber of her refined nature, has passed into the hands of an overseer."

He lacked the courage to move one step nearer to the inevitable moment of this confession. In a half dazed state of mind and body he crouched on his own doorstep. How long he neither knew nor cared. From his trance of misery and indecision he was aroused by the notes of the piano. Marianne was practicing the piece he had asked her to perfect herself in by the time he got back. Tender little soul, how had he deserved to be so well beloved by her?

He sat quite still, listening to the soft, [illegible]. His face was buried in his clasped hands. Hot tears trickled down his [illegible]. Sobs shook him [illegible]. The moments flew by [illegible]. She was alone, [illegible] of voices mingled with her music. He wanted to find her alone, [illegible] sure. He could not make his confession to the assembled family. He moved softly toward the window whose shutters Maxwell had forgotten. As the camera fixes its chosen picture with the speed of lightning so he in that first miserable glance through the lace curtains of the window fixed in his memory forever the peaceful beauty of the home he had lost.

Not an item escaped him. From the flashing firelight, illumining the portraits of his father and his mother, down to Mammy Jane's gay turban, swaying as she nodded in sleep, it all branded itself on his brain. And Marianne herself, how pure the profile of her sweet face looked at that moment! Should he raise the window and take her in his arms before she suspected his presence?

It was then she turned her head. A pallid face, a pair of burning eyes, damp clusters of hair clinging to an uncovered brow—it was as if Reginald's ghost were looking at her through the lace curtains of the window. She screamed and lost consciousness.

Without a connected thought in his confused brain he turned and fled. By the time Marianne had recovered sufficiently to make herself understood he was a mile away on the nag he had hired in Cloverdell, and no one believed a word she said about having seen him.

"I tell you, Maxwell, I saw him as plainly as I see you. He was standing just outside the window by the piano. He was as pale as a ghost, and he had no hat on."

"And I tell you," said Max, trying to bluster very valorously, "that I've been over every inch of the front gallery, and there's no sign of anything or anybody. What in the mischief would Reggie be peeping in the window for instead of coming in through the door?"

Nobody could answer this question, and as Mammy Jane insisted on putting the trembling girl to bed the group dissolved itself into so many wondering and mystified atoms. Miss Monckton carried herself as became a prophet justified by events.

Forging through the darkness, with no definite aim save to put as great a distance as possible between him and those he had wronged, Reginald caught the glimmer of dim scattered lights which he knew must be burning in the cabins on the Bascom place. His father's injunction flashed into his mind. Surely if ever he had need of a friend it was at this moment.

"If ever you find yourself in a tight place, boy, go to Merriman Bascom. He is a gentleman and a good friend of mine."

He would tell his story to Colonel Bascom and get him to break it to Marianne and Maxwell. As Bascom lived alone this intrusion would not incommode him much.

A turn to the left, a sharp climb up the curving driveway, and he was at the colonel's door. Oscar admitted him and recoiled slightly at sight of the pallid face and tumbled aspect of this evening caller, but there was one law and only one obtaining in his code of instructions. Discourtesy to none.

"The colonel was away, but Miss Bascom would be glad"—

Entirely uncomprehending the first clause in this softly muttered invitation to enter, Reginald flung the soft felt hat he had unconsciously carried under his arm all evening on the hall rack, instinctively passed his hand over his wind blown hair and followed Oscar [illegible] into Miss Bascom's presence.

[illegible] drew her back and [illegible] the colonel [illegible] away with Dr. Hillary [illegible].

"[illegible]," said Oscar, holding the door open for the visitor to pass through.

Jessica stood up, looking very stately and a trifle surprised. Reginald looked at her a silent amazed second. Who was this beautiful woman who had come into his life at a critical juncture once before? But confusion required something more of him than a dumbfounded stare. Oscar had closed the door and disappeared before he could command his tongue.

"We have met before," said Jessica.

"We have met before," he said lamely.

"We have met before," said Jessica haughtily.

CHAPTER VI.

The fire burned low while the colonel mused.

On the other side of the hearth sat Belknap in an attitude of absolute exhaustion. His confession made, he awaited some expression of opinion from his father's friend with an apathy which had a curious element of relief in it.

The colonel had got home just in time to relieve the strained situation between Jessica and the man she had dealt with summarily on the Red Wing, but did not in the least know what to do with as an evening caller.

She had courteously relegated him to the study to await her father's return, and there the colonel had found him nervous, but resolute in his purpose of making a clean breast of it.

Into the tragic story of his colossal folly he had plunged without an extenuating word or a plea for lenient sentence.

And all through it the colonel sat with his deep eyes fastened on the boy's handsome, haggard face, while he absently fitted the tips of his firm, pink fleshed fingers together. Over them he smiled with infinite pity and sweetness when Belknap concluded.

"And doubtless, my poor boy, you are thinking that never before was soul so sin dyed as yours."

"I am sure of it, sir. I don't want to underestimate my folly, I assure you."

"It's bad—pretty bad, I know."

"It's as bad as can be, sir. I've been recreant to a trust. Nothing could be worse than that."

"Nothing," said the colonel gravely and promptly.

"It is an infernal mess," said Belknap peevishly.

"Fussing does not remedy. There must be some way out of the snarl, and our first duty is to find that way. We must [illegible] its power over [illegible]."

The colonel said this so cheerfully and looked withal so capable of coping with the knottiest problem that for the first time in weeks Belknap acknowledged the possibility of recovering his self respect.

"Just show me the way to right matters, sir, and I'll follow it if it leads me over redhot plowshares."

"Oh, you will have your redhot plowshares! Trust conscience for that. I am going to begin my ministrations as comforter in chief in novel fashion. I am going to tell you of a young fellow I once knew who got into a much worse scrape when he was just about your age."

"Worse?"

"Decidedly."

"I don't see how anything could be worse. This involves the happiness of others—innocent ones too."

"All wrongdoing does. So did his."

"I don't offer it as an excuse, colonel, but I was not myself when I fell into this trap, for so I consider it."

"Neither was he."

"I was drunk, beastly drunk, for the first time in my life."

"So was he. For the first time—and the last."

"And—and—yet—he got through the woods? He never drew a happy breath again?"

"He is before you, and though I will not claim that he is the man he might have been with a nobler record the world ignorantly accords him its respect."

"You? Never. You never could have forgotten yourself as I did."

"I have been young, and now I am old," said the colonel, and he passed a hand slowly across his forehead as if to chase away some importunate memory. "I've been all over the ground you are treading now, Belknap. I don't care to rake over dead ashes merely for pastime, but it may help you to know that I, too, once thought the light of the world was quenched forever because I had fallen and turned my faced toward its shadows."

"But—you"—

"Resolved that by the grace of God and my own manhood one stumble should not keep me wallowing in the mire all my life."

A look of high resolve came into Belknap's worn face.

"By the grace of God and your help I, too, make that resolve."

The colonel seemed not to have heard him. He was gazing into the smoldering fire with sad, introspective eyes. He was asking himself a question. Could he, even for the sake of lifting this boy's load of remorse, go into the details of the darkest chapter in his own life? Presently he spoke again:

"It is not necessary to go into the particulars of my own dark days, my boy. They were very dark, and—they left such scars as God grant may never scarify your soul. Perhaps a man is never quite what he might have been without any moral lapse, but if a little farther removed from the angels he is just that much nearer his fellow sinners and the better prepared to help them up, and so somebody is the gainer."

Then in lighter vein:

"We know better how to sympathize with the mumps or measles after we have gone through our own attack. If you think you can consent to be guided by me in this matter, I will see you straight through it."

"I would be only too grateful."

"So be it. Now, then, I must know the name of the scoundrel who has you in his clutches."

"Whitney—Dennis Whitney."

"Whitney? Dennis Whitney?"

The colonel recoiled as if from a blow, and his ruddy cheeks turned a chalky white. Belknap's lip curled bitterly.

"Yes, sir. Dennis Whitney. Small wonder that you stare. A man years my senior. Riley tells me that either he or his father once overseed in this neighborhood."

"I know, I know. I have good reason to know. It was on this very place he lived. His father was employed by my father. This Dennis is a big, black eyed, handsome dog."

"Conspicuously handsome, superficially polished—in short, a pretty fair counterfeit gentleman. His plebeian blood or perhaps early hardship showed only in his vulgar hands. Bah, I can see them now, dealing those accursed cards!"

The colonel shifted his position uneasily.

"I know, I know. He was a young sprig when I was. His father had a great notion of educating him 'to be a gentleman,' but he was bad—bad to the very core. I remember once—good Lord, how curiously things do work out!"—

Here he flung one leg violently over the other and jerked at his watch chain with sufficient force to snap it in two and continued:

"There was quite a family of them—all handsome and all bad. There was a sister, younger than Dennis, as handsome as Helen and as bold a wench as ever ogled a man's senses away—well—well—let her pass. D—n it all, to think the name of Whitney should ever again be heard in Applegate county!"

Belknap laughed mirthlessly.

"It will be heard in future in Applegate county as the proprietor of Belhaven."

"I'll be cursed if it shall!"

"It is past remedy, sir. Did my father ever have anything to do with these people? I remember that when I reeled away from that table, drunker with misery than with liquor, he muttered, not as if for my ears, 'One old score paid off.'"

"One old score, yes, and the devil will never rest until he has paid more. I heard he had gone to Europe years ago."

"He has been living in Baden-Baden for 15 years."

"That accounts—but you wanted to know if your father ever had anything to do with the fellow?"

"Yes. The longer I ponder my trouble the more I am convinced that it was the result of design."

"Doubtless, doubtless. I can't remember—yes, by George, I do. Tony Belknap struck him once just over the eye with his cowhide riding whip. I was with him at the time."

"He carries the scar yet. What was his offense?"

"He blinded a favorite setter of your father's by striking him with his heel."

"A blow for a blow. I think Whitney has come off victor in the long run."

"The end is not in sight yet. By the way, when did all this happen?"

"Three weeks ago."

"I suppose your meeting with Whitney was pure chance?"

"Pure. I never saw him until we both hurried across the staging of the Red Wing, fearful of being left."

"It does look as if the devil himself took a hand in our affairs. Why couldn't one of you have been a minute too late?"

"Why?"

"Of course he knew who you were?"

"We registered at the same time and jested over our scramble to catch the boat. That was the beginning of it."

"No," said the colonel reflectively, "the beginning of it was when he swore as he wiped the blood from his face that he would get even with Belknap if he had to return that blow to his unborn children."

"And he has kept his oath finely," said Belknap bitterly. "If I were a fatalist, I would hold myself exonerated of weakness in this whole miserable business."

The colonel looked at him sternly.

"Whatever you do, hold fast by your sense of personal responsibility, boy. Once abrogate that and you are of no more consequence than a dead leaf in a winter gale. Three weeks ago? Where have you been all this time?"

"I was too ill to leave the boat when we reached Cloverdell, and good old Riley cared for me as tenderly as if I had been worth it. Then on the return trip we stuck on a sand bar, and I went by rail to New Orleans, lacking courage to go home. This will almost kill my poor little Marianne."

"Pish! We flatter ourselves when we talk that way. Your sister, I'll venture to say, young as she is, has ten times the grit you have, and what has not killed you is not going to slay her. Not that I would lessen your sense of remorse by one pang. Why, if you were on the Red Wing three weeks ago you must have been on the boat the trip that Miss Bascom came down."

"Miss Bascom?"

"My daughter, the young lady who received you tonight."

"And ordered me into your study with the grace of offended majesty. Small blame to her for never wanting to see me again."

"Again?"

"Then she never told you?"

"Never told me what?"

"She was the strong armed and strong souled young woman I mentioned who frustrated my intention of shirking this mess by jumping off the boat's guard."

"She was? By George, it was just what I should have expected of her. No; she has never alluded to meeting any such imbecile in her travels. I call that rather fine, sex considered."

Belknap smiled ruefully. He would rather not have been so entirely effaced from the memory of the beautiful girl to whom he was bound by grateful ties and whose restraining eyes had haunted him.

"By the way," said the colonel, glancing up at the clock over the mantelpiece, "when did you sup?"

"Not at all."

"Dined, then?"

"Not at all."

"Oh, but, by Jove, what idiocy! By the time you have got along a little farther, boy, through this vale of tears you will come to a better understanding with your stomach. Nothing but sudden death or lockjaw is sufficient excuse for a neglected dinner. Oscar must do something for you in the way of broken victuals, late as it is, and while you are in his hands I will tell my daughter good night."

He found Jessica in her own sitting room, daintily robed in a beloved and ribboned wrapper that gave a peculiarly soft touch to her strong sweet face. It was no unusual thing for her father to finish the evening in her apartments, surrounded by all the feminine touches to which his home had been a stranger so long.

Jessica looked up with a smile and laid down her book. Of course he had come to talk to her "about that silly young Mr. Belknap."

"Daughter," said the colonel, taking a chair near hers, "you asked me a question when we were out riding this morning that I could not answer."

"I have asked you so many questions," she said eagerly.

"This was about your Aunt Ellen."

"Oh, and"—

"She is dead. Just dead."

Jessica's brow contracted in a frown of perplexity.

"Where, father, and how? Why is she not with you here in her own home? Everything seems to be so mysterious, and I do so hate mystery."

"I have come to you tonight to solve one."

"Then you admit that there are others?"

Colonel Bascom plunged into his story with suspicious haste. He had rather not attempted answering any question Jessica might choose to put to him with those lovely honest eyes of hers searching his soul.

"My sister Ellen was the one perfectly beautiful woman I ever saw, and I worshiped her as only a boy can worship an older sister. There were no other children, and when Ellen was sent off to Staunton, Va., and I to Harvard to complete our educations, the world seemed very empty to me.

"Our mother, one of the most imperious women that ever lived, having been left a widow when we children were quite young, had ruled us and her estate like a potentate. I was not even permitted to return home until my three years' course was complete. And then it was to a darkened home.

"I found my darling sister ill, so ill that I was not allowed to see her. I had been at home but a week when my mother dispatched me to Mexico to look after some mining interests of hers in that section. I found the matter in something of a tangle and remained there for nearly a year and came back to find that Ellen had been sent away to be under the care of a brain specialist, her illness, my mother told me, having left her in a very nervous condition. I returned to Mexico more through restless discontent than anything else"—

"And then married my mamma!" said Jessica, fastening a burning gaze on him.

He halted, looked into her sweet, pleading face and answered steadily:

"And then married your mother. But tonight I am telling you about Ellen. I never saw her but once after we parted to go to school. I knew that my friend Dr. Hillary Northrop had entire charge of her. I went once to his home to see my sister. I was informed by Northrop that she refused to see me. I came away baffled and wretched. I never made a second attempt.

"A few days before you reached home Northrop reported to me that she had disappeared from his house. We searched the entire country separately and together. Our search was ended by a note, received by him through the mail, telling him she was with a friend and would return in a few days. Yesterday her bonnet and parasol were found on the edge of a pond on a plantation adjoining the Northrops' home.

"There is no reasonable room to doubt that my beautiful sister Ellen has ended her own life."

And then that happened which eye of man had never seen—Merriman Bascom bowed his head and wept.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Merriman Bascom bowed his head and wept.

Artful Mr. Banting's Joke.

The late Giorgio von Bunsen, the accomplished and delightful son of the [illegible] whose "Life and Letters" are well known in America, once told me an anecdote of the late Princess Mary of Teck and the celebrated Banting. The princess became, in her middle life, enormously stout, and finding her weight a burden tried several methods of reducing it. At last, having heard much of Banting, she sent for him. She was surprised to see that he was still extremely bulky, and after a few civil preparatory remarks, she said, "But your system has not made you very thin, Mr. Banting."

"Allow me, madam," said Banting. And proceeding to unbutton his coat he disclosed a large wire structure over which the garment fitted. Inside was the real Banting, incased in another coat.

"This, madam," said he, pointing with pardonable satisfaction to his cage, "was my size before I commenced dieting." He then nimbly disentangled himself of his framework and stood before the royal lady exhibiting his elegant figure.

Apparently the interview led to nothing but amusement, for the good Duchess of Teck remained very stout to the end of her days.—Exchange.

Compressed Flour.

The British admiralty and the war department are testing, under various climatic conditions, the new method for preserving flour. One objection to the establishment of national granaries has been the difficulty of storing grain for any length of time. The grain germinates and is ruined, and to keep large quantities in sound condition has been pronounced impracticable. Experiments are being made with a system of compression into bricks by hydraulic pressure. The trials show that the flour so treated is not affected by damp, even under unfavorable conditions, and is free from mold. The compression destroys all forms of larval life and the flour is thus rendered safe from the attacks of the insects. The saving in storage is enormous, as the cubic space occupied by 100 pounds of loose flour will hold more than 300 pounds of the compressed article.—Scientific American.

De Lesseps Statue.

M. Fremiet has finished the head of the enormous statue of the late Comte Ferdinand de Lesseps which is to be placed at the entry of the Suez canal. The canal projector is to be represented standing, covered with an Arab burnoose, and pointing toward the new waterway opened up to navigation. On one of the sides of the pedestal—which is to have a granite foundation—will be a medallion containing the portraits of the khedive who patronized the canal.—Boston Transcript.

Seeing Oneself.

Next to the power of standing outside oneself and looking at me as other folks see me the most remarkable is this of (by the insight of genius and imagination) becoming you. The first makes one sometimes only too reasonable, too humble; the second warms the heart and enriches the soul, for it gives the charm of childhood to beings not ourselves.—Jean Ingelow.

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[illegible] REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES.

The Republican caucuses for primary elections [illegible] be held at the regular polling places in accordance with the rules of the Republican party of McKean county on Saturday, [illegible], 1898, between the hours of [illegible] o'clock p. m., for the purpose of [illegible] one person for Member of [illegible] two persons for the General Assembly [illegible], and one person for [illegible], and for the election of [illegible] to serve as delegates to the [illegible] Convention, and for the [illegible] district one person [illegible] a member of the County Committee [illegible] year, and that the County [illegible] in the court house, in [illegible] on Tuesday, March 22nd, at two o'clock p. m., and for the purpose of canvassing the vote of said caucuses, and the [illegible] Chairman of the County Committee [illegible].

GEO. W. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

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Smethport, Pa., Feb. 22, 1898.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Editor Miner—Please announce that I am a candidate for representative in Congress in the [illegible] District, subject to the rules of the Republican party and to the district conference.

HERMAN H. NORTH.
Bradford, Pa., February 12, 1898.

Editor Miner—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Member of Assembly, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

T. F. RICHMOND.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 12, 1898.

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R. A. DEMPSEY.
Bradford, Pa., Jan. 22, 1898.

Editor Miner—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McKean county, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

C. A. DUKE.
Duke Centre, Pa., Nov. 30, 1897.

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JOHN W. CAMPBELL.
Kane, Pa., Jan. 6, 1898.

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A. W. BOYD.
[illegible] City, Pa., Jan. 12, 1898.

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L. ROGERS.
[illegible], Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

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ANDREW BENSON.
Bradford, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

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G. W. MITCHELL.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898.

Just watch the Spanish fly if it is proven that the steamship, Maine, was destroyed by foul means.

The Philadelphia Inquirer of last Sunday contained an excellent half-tone cut of Congressman C. W. Stone as one of the prominent candidates for governor.

Major Montooth, a prominent Republican politician of Pittsburg, died there last Friday. Mr. Montooth was quite a prominent candidate for governor four years ago.

Gov. Tanner of Illinois by his precipitant action, evidently believes in giving the Spaniards a severe tanning. Last week he asked the Illinois legislature for authority to tender to President McKinley the national guard of the State to maintain the honor of old glory.

In the election for Tax Receiver in the city of Philadelphia last week [illegible], the Republican nominee received [illegible] more votes than the combined vote cast for [illegible], the Independent Republican candidate, and Donnelly, the Democratic candidate. Dewalt, the Prohibition candidate, received [illegible] votes in the city.

The situation at Havana remains unchanged. The government's agents are busily engaged in investigating the cause that led to the destruction of the battleship Maine. This work will be finished by the end of the week. They will then report to the authorities at Washington, consequently it will be several days before the question is decided, war or peace. As matters appear now the finger of fate points toward war.

John W. Campbell of Kane, candidate for the nomination on the Republican ticket to the office of County Treasurer, was in Mt. Jewett on Tuesday looking over the political situation. Within the short period which has expired since the different candidates for the position have announced themselves, the sentiment of this section has had time to chrystalize, and there is no question whatever, but that John W. Campbell is the universal choice of the Republicans this side of Bradford, and we understand that a great many in the city and in other parts of the county are favorable to his election. There is no good reason for his defeat, while there are many for his election, and few are of the opinion that they will be acted upon.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

In this issue of our paper appears the announcement of Hon. Herman H. North for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress, subject to the Republican county primaries and district conference. We [illegible] that McKean county Republicans generally will read with pleasure Mr. North's announcement. The gentleman has served for three consecutive terms in the State Legislature, and has proven himself a wise legislator. During his entire service as a public official he has commanded the respect and confidence of the people of the State by his conscientious and unswerving discharge of duty. Everywhere he is known to be a man of honor and integrity. That he will quickly take prominent rank as a national lawmaker, if elected to Congress [illegible] reasonable expectation. A graduate of Princeton College and of Union University Law School and for many [illegible] student of political economy [illegible] parliamentary proceedings, Mr. [illegible] well equipped [illegible]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Feb. 21, 1898.

Prudence, patience and patriotism have characterized every act of President McKinley and every member of the Cabinet since the awful news was received of the blowing up and sinking of the battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, and the death of 250 of the crew. In the midst of the excitement consequent upon the sensational rumors of Spanish treachery, they have not for a minute lost their heads. A naval court of inquiry was at once appointed to ascertain whether the loss of the Maine was caused by accident or by design, and by the time this is read it will be at work. Until it succeeds in getting at the truth, the administration joins with brave Captain Sigsbee of the Maine in asking for a suspension of public judgment. Not a scrap of news concerning the catastrophe received by the administration, or an order issued by it has been concealed and nothing will be concealed. That the President is fully alive to our every interest is shown by his promptly refusing the request of the Spanish authorities at Havana to participate in the investigation, and that he is calmly performing his usual duties was shown by his departure for Philadelphia, to deliver an address before the faculty and students of the University of Pennsylvania, on the 22nd inst., in accordance with an engagement made months ago. His example should be followed by good citizens everywhere.

Senator Wolcott of Colorado has more than once shown himself to possess the faculty of calm judgment in times of public excitement, and to be a real, not a buncomb patriot, but never more strikingly than in the short speech he made against the misguided attempt to publish to the world a distrust of our Navy Department, by providing for a Congressional investigation of the wreck of the Maine. Mr. Wolcott said: "I desire to resent as utterly unfounded the suggestion that there is a patriotic citizen in the broad confines of this land who has not the fullest and most splendid and glorious confidence in every department of this government, and in the department of the navy in particular, and it has been true in every administration since the time of Washington. The people of the U. S. have never yet been called upon to distrust one of the co ordinate branches of this government and they never will while the flag floats. The officers appointed to investigate this tragic disaster will do their duty. I do not underrate the importance of the legislative branch of the government; I believe in its dignity and in its wisdom, and in the openness of its discussion of public questions; but what we need now in my opinion, is a decent and dignified silence in the face of the appalling calamity which has fallen upon our people. There are times for speaking and there are times for silence, and at this time, when we face the awful event that has overtaken us we should restrain any expression of our belief as to the cause of this terrible disaster until in a proper, regular and formal way, an investigation may be had by the Navy Department, which we know will be conducted with the utmost uprightness and utmost integrity." Senator Lodge of Mass., said on the same subject: "Does any one suppose that the captain of that ship, who wounded and stunned by the explosion remained the last upon the sinking vessel, and who, in the midst of that awful excitement, sent a dispatch showing a coolness which is an honor to the American name, is going to lie about his ship? The Secretary of the Navy is a man of distinguished ability, of honor and patriotism. If anyone imagines that Secretary Long will not tell the truth and insist upon the whole of it, he little knows the character of the man. I think those who know Theodore Roosevelt would be slow to believe he would seek to conceal the truth in regard to this disaster. We want to know the truth. If it was an accident which destroyed the Maine, then let us provide, so far as human foresight can against a recurrence. If it was treachery, then the righteous wrath of the American people will take a signal vengeance for the treachery which sent that ship to the bottom. And let no one think to stay it." Congress showed its good sense by confining its action on this subject to making an appropriation of $200,000 to be used in trying to save as much of the costly equipment of the Maine as possible.

The House, by a vote of 159 to 124, passed the bankruptcy bill which was reported from the committee as a substitute for the Nelson bill, which was passed by the Senate at the extra session.

The southern cotton mill owners have been protesting against the proposed constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to regulate the hours of labor in all the States. A resolution providing therefor is now being considered by the House judiciary committee.

In the death of Miss Frances E. Willard, which occurred early last Friday morning in New York City, the W. C. T. U. loses its greatest worker and the nation mourns the departure for a better home of one of its brightest women. For years Miss Willard has labored faithfully and earnestly for the upbuilding of the cause of temperance not only in our own land but in Europe. Her work has been a noble one and the blessing she has received from the countless numbers whom she has been instrumental in saving from worse than death, will be like a crown of glory surrounding her memory. It will be difficult to find one so brave and fearless to take her place as president of the W. C. T. U. A monument should be erected to her memory.

The Record had supposed that Mr. McKinley was doing quite as well as expected until the following from an exchange was read: "A little girl who had been taught to pray for others and anything she wanted wound up her prayer: 'And now, oh God, take good care of yourself for if anything should happen to you we would only have McKinley to help us; and he ain't doing near as much as we expected.'"—Bradford Record.

The Brooks Locomotive Works have just completed for the Great Northern Railway, a locomotive the weight of which is 212,750 pounds, with a hauling capacity of 7,700 tons on the level. This is the largest and most powerful locomotive ever constructed.

A few months ago Mr. Byron of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His left leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle of it effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

WANTED—A position by a young man 21 years of age. Had experience as a stenographer, and understands bookkeeping. Is willing to begin on small salary. Address, JOHN [illegible], Bradford Business College, [illegible] Bradford, Pa.

[illegible] REVIEW.

The dreadful disaster to the Maine, much as it has affected all hearts, has not much affected business. Only in the stock market, where there was selling Wednesday by speculators on thin margins, but in no other speculative market, was an effect felt, nor in general business. Nothing has occurred to check the increase in production or in working force. The proposal of a general strike in cotton mills to support the New Bedford strikers does not thus far seem likely to meet much response. An advance of 10 per cent. in wages by some Gogebic mines is expected to be general throughout the Lake region, excepting the Mesabi district, and prices of ore from the other ranges this year have been advanced 15 per cent., with an allotment of 6,000,000 tons outside Carnegie mines, which betokens an output much the largest ever known. Wheat has advanced, and cotton held its advance, money markets are untroubled, merchandise exports exceed imports in January by $57,886,546, and in the past six months by $360,407,612, the customs and internal revenue in seventeen days of February are more than $2,300,000 larger than in the same part of January, and the $3,500,000 imports of gold in January are already exceeded this month.

Wheat has risen 3 3 8 cents, and exports continue so heavy that a material advance is natural. Atlantic exports in three weeks have been 8,316,- bushels, flour included, against 5,261,971 last year, and the Pacific exports have been 2,476,652 against 1,171,782 last year. Such shipments, with heavy engagements for the future in spite of 11,150,881 bushels corn exported against 12,507,211 bushels in the same weeks last year are conclusive proof of the urgency of foreign needs. Wheat receipts hold up well though not exceeding last year's as much as exports, in three weeks 7,772,-560 bushels against 4,884,740 last year. The bottom fact is that the world needs wheat which this country only can supply for about six months to come. Cotton has held unchanged for spot, though a little lower for options, prospects of decrease in the next yield being the main support.

The iron output February 1, with reports of stocks on hand not held by the great steel companies, indicates consumption at least 3,000 tons per week greater in January than the previous maximum attained in November, 1895. The production is at present greater than the consumption, stocks having increased 9,016 tons weekly in January outside the steel companies, whose stocks presumably decreased. Some weakness in pig would naturally result, but while Grey Forge has declined at Pittsburg to $8.90, with southern iron offered at Chicago at concessions, no changes appear in products. Though new business has been somewhat disappointing, the works are mainly supplied for months ahead. In building of steel cars, in black sheets for tinning, in rods, wire and wire nails, increased demand and, heavy business appear, though bar and pipe are weaker and structural orders seasonably slow. Minor metals have advanced, tin to 14.20 cents on considerable continuing demand, copper to 11 1 4 for Lake on heavy exports, and lead to 3.80 and spelter to 4 10 cents on speculation, but failure to organize the tin pool causes weakness, American selling at $3, and lower at the West.

Shipments of boots and shoes from Boston in February have been the largest ever known at this season, exceeding those of 1895 by 4 1 2 per cent. and those of 1892 by 16 per cent., and heavy buying is reported in women's light shoes, greater than in any previous year. Some makers have sold half the annual product in men's shoes though others have done little or nothing, unable to get prices they desire. The range of prices for men's boots and shoes has advanced an average of about 2 1-2 cents per pair. Leather is practically unchanged, and hides change very little at Chicago, with Colorado and buff a shade lower. In the cotton manufacture production is restricted by strikes, and some grades are a shade dearer. The recent opening of higher grade woolens at advanced prices meets less demand than was expected, with less activity in lower grades and unexpectedly numerous cancellations in light weights, indicating larger buying than consumption has yet warranted.

Average prices for sixty active stocks went above $60 per share last week for the first time since April, 1893, and people who thought reaction due had sold heavily, but some Washington traders were forced to cover 25,000 shares at a loss, and London bought about 10,000 shares more than it sold. The disaster to the Maine caused sharp decline on Wednesday, but prices recovered, with good investment buying all the time, and such borrowing demand that most stocks loaned "flat." Railroad earnings in in February have been 12.3 per cent. larger than last year, but 2 4 per cent. less than in 1892, the main decrease being in coal carriers. Anthracite output in January was 3,072,000 tons against 3,700,000 last year, and the market is improving, with $3 95 to $4 05 ruling for stove.

Gold payments by the Treasury on ordinary account are not improbable, as its stock of notes is remarkably low. Net receipts of currency at New York were $1,750,000 mainly from eastern points. Foreign exchange is rendered irregular by large transactions on account of products and securities shipped, and while deferred bills held as collateral have not increased, dry goods importers are buying against remittances later. Leading banks made 60 per cent. of their loans on commercial paper against 50 per cent. last week, and while reorganizations and syndicate operations increased loans on collateral by down town banks, the proportion loaned on commercial paper by uptown banks has increased since last year. Failures in February for two weeks have been $5,251,302 against $6,661,555 last year, and $7,680,393 in 1896, manufacturing $2,602,112 against $3,594,423, and trading $2,433,182 against $3,086,250. Failures for the week have been 295 in the United States against 303 last year, and 35 in Canada against 58 last year.

Greater New York contains population of 3,438,899, making it the second largest city in the world. The population of London is 4,231,000.

Our export trade for the year just past exceeded that of the year previous over $93,000,000.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs, and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

From a Methodist Preacher.

Clay City, Ind., Jan. 12, 1897.
Pepsin Syrup Co., Monticello, Ill.

Gentlemen:—It affords me great pleasure to speak in praise of your most excellent medicine. I have suffered quite a great deal from sick headache, the result of sedentary habits and sluggish liver and bowels. Your remedy corrects these troubles and my headaches are stopped. J. C. Boone, Pastor M. E. church. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

I have given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for croup that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for colds and croup in children.—Geo. E. Wolff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fernandina, Fla. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

THE AMERICAN RAILROAD HOG.

To know the American you must see all sides of him. On a train between Jersey City and Paterson, a poorly dressed woman carrying a baby in her arms, walked through two cars and was unable to find a seat. The railroad hog was there. In a forty cases he had a whole seat to himself and his bundles, and he meant to keep it. The woman finally took a seat in the smoking car. Soon after the hog went forward to enjoy a cigar, and [illegible] her crying.

"What's the matter?"

"Baby is very ill, sir."

"And where are you going?"

"To my sister's. My husband is dead and I have no home."

"Leave you any money?"

"Not a dollar, sir."

"Umph! Sorry for you. Let me hand you this."

The hog had been robbed of his bristles. Woman's tears had melted him. He returned to his car, gathered the other hogs about him and said:

"Come down! Poor widow—sick baby—no home. Come down!"

The hogs went down for their wallets, and in ten minutes a handsome sum was put into the woman's hand, and the boss hog observed:

"There—there—it's all right—not a word! Now come back here!"

She followed him into the next car, and a dozen hogs rose and insisted that she take their seats.

The railroad hog can't be crowded, but he can be melted.

Without disparaging the hog, we think it better to be a gentleman than a hog.—Our Dumb Animals.

HEMORRHOIDS OR PILES.

In a back number of our paper we stated that Judge ——, of our Supreme Judicial Court, with whom we were for many years connected in law practice, being troubled with the above disease called in two of our most eminent Boston physicians, who advised that the only remedy was a surgical operation. He lost several weeks from his office when his time was worth from fifty to a hundred dollars a day, and obtained no relief, but was promptly cured by using a remedy prescribed by Mr. Lilly, who kept the well known umbrella store, No. 65 Court street, Boston.

In answer to inquiries we learn from his sons who keep the same store, that it is an infusion of the common herb called "Fire Weed," made about the color of coffee and a small cupful taken three times a day before meals and on retiring, and that some Boston druggists keep it. In view of the many similarly afflicted and of the fact that our little paper goes to every newspaper office in North America, north of Mexico, we make known this remedy.—Our Dumb Animals.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

RAILROAD WORK.

As Sunday, March 6th, is the National Railway Men's Day, and arrangements being made all over our land for holding special meetings, and preaching special sermons to railroad men, where it is possible, some explanation may be of interest to those who do not already understand how vast and wonderful a work it is.

Whoever stops to think, when indulging in the comforts and luxuries of life, that through the faithfulness of railroad men they are permitted to possess the greater part of the blessings that come to them?

Who, when awakened by the shrill notes of the whistle, gives a thought to the men whose watchful care makes it possible for them to enjoy the fruits of every land; or, when the tempest is raging and they draw the covers closer, breathing a prayer to Him to protect them, while climbing over the slippery cars, rushing through the blinding storm without rest or shelter or under the silent stars (that, nun like, walk the holy isles of heaven) never slackening their vigilance, that life and property may be transported in safety?

Upon no class of men is promptness so obligatory as their lives are regulated by seconds, and that promptness is of vital importance.

There is no occupation or business where so many are denied the privileges of the holy Sabbath day, and because of this the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have appointed the first Sunday in March, when special effort is made to reach every one connected with a railroad, either by sermon, text card, or leaflet bearing a precious promise to assure them of our thoughtfulness for and interest in their welfare.

The W. C. T. U.—with their reformers—are petitioning for the "Sunday Rest," "safety couplers," destruction of the liquor traffic and removal of everything possible that threatens safety to life and limb, soul and body. They are sending out wherever possible on Memorial Day and July Fourth bouquets with cards (a sacred message) attached, and on Christmas a letter to each and everyone. In addition to this where permission is given, what we call "Bible Outfits" are furnished cabooses and cars. These outfits cost, when complete, about $3.50. It is a rack to be fastened on the wall and contains a bible, a hymnal and package for each man on the train, with appropriate literature, and a large package for general use. Receptacles for reading matter are put up in stations and supplied with literature, as are the trains, as often as possible. All this you see takes time and labor and, necessarily, money. The work has been crippled, principally so for want of this most necessary commodity.

I have sent letters all over the county, a copy of which will be found below, and am trusting to the generosity of the good people of McKean county, by the blessing of God, to be able to take up this work so long delayed and so much desired. Contributions to the work from anyone at any time, will be thankfully received.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 18, 1898.

Rev. Sir and Brother:

We need your assistance and co-operation to make our "Railway Men's Day" (Sunday, March 6) one of blessing and benefit, by giving a special sermon and inviting every man and woman connected with a railroad in any capacity, with their families and friends, either at morning or evening service. If union meetings could be held it would be well, but I do not urge it. This is a grand and noble work and worthy of generous support.

Funds are scarce, and any part of the collection taken at this meeting you are willing to contribute for the work will be gratefully received, and God will surely bless it to His use.

Very Sincerely,
Mrs. M. E. Richmond,
County Sup't of R. R. Work in W.C.T.U.

From an Old Soldier.

Knox, Ind., Jan. 14, 1897.

Gents:—I have every confidence in recommending your Syrup of Pepsin. I am 72 years of age and am broken down the trouble having been brought on by my experience in the war. Your medicine has done me more good than a hundred doctors and I am just about well of stomach troubles. Yours truly, Jefferson Wilhelm. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Good house and lot for sale. Inquire at this office or of the undersigned.

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STATEMENT

Showing the Amount of Assessed Valuation of Property in McKean County, as returned by the Assessors of the several Townships, Wards and Boroughs, subject to State and County Tax for the year 1898, [illegible] Taxes Against [illegible]

TOWNSHIPS, WARDS AND BOROUGHS.	Valuation of Trades and Occupations.	Valuation of Seated Real Estate Taxable.	Valuation of Unseated Real Estate Taxable.	Number and Value of Horses, Mares, Geldings and Mules over the Age of 4 Years.		Number and Value of Cows and Neat Cattle over the Age of 4 Years.		Aggregate amount of all Real and Personal Property Taxable for County Purposes.	Aggregate amount of Money, Stocks, &c., Assessed at the rate of 4 Mills on the Dollar.	Aggregate amount of State Tax Assessed.	Number of Dogs and Bitches returned.	
				No.	Value	No.	Value				Dogs	Bitches
Annin Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	69,155	4,425	17.70	104	
Bradford Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	28,400	113 61	212	11
Bradford City, 1st Ward	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	224 64	31	1
" " 2d "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	11	150	416,074	182,290	729 16	8	
" " 3d "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	12	125	[illegible]	[illegible]	508 20	43	6
" " 4th "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	229,980	919 92	27	
" " 5th "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]			172,153	[illegible]	10 84	18	
" " 6th "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	186,462	[illegible]	70 12	87	6
Ceres Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	118,445	6,441	25 76	94	4
Corydon Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	410	1.64	47	0
Eldred Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	67 30	121	
Eldred Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	470	[illegible]	22,712	90 85	43	1
Foster Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4,059	[illegible]	[illegible]	174 40	160	6
Hamilton Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,103	24 41	69	2
Hamlin Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	81 63	85	8
Kane Borough, 1st Ward	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	15	150	[illegible]	[illegible]	240 10	60	3
" " 2d "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	87,298	349 19	27	4
" " 3d "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44,542	178 17	39	1
" " 4th "	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	46	2
Keating Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	54,160	216 64	173	6
Lafayette Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	141	[illegible]	[illegible]	21,040	84 16	100	3
Liberty Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,792	15 17	127	
Mt. Jewett Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	410	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	54	4
Norwich Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40,299	161 20	98	8
Otto Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	19,567	78 27	65	5
Port Allegany Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	58	1
Smethport Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	48	2
Sergeant Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3,895	15 58	64	
Wetmore Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	274	2,740	[illegible]	2,570	[illegible]	85	5
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,222 06	2271	90

The above statement shows the aggregate value and assessment made by each Assessor in McKean county, for the year 1898, upon property taxable by law for County and State purposes. This statement, made in accordance with the Act of July 27, 1842, also showing the amount of taxes assessed on each ward, borough and township in said county. All persons interested are hereby notified that the undersigned Commissioners will sit as a Board of Revision, at their office, in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on the 18th day of Feb'y, 1898, and from day to day by adjournment thereafter, to revise, raise and equalize the valuation of all property which they shall believe to have been assessed too low. After the revision and equalization shall have been completed, due notice will be given of the time and place where appeals may be made to said Commissioners sitting as a Board of Revision and Appeal:

NOTICE OF APPEALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners will be at the places named below at the time specified, for the purpose of listening to appeals from the assessment as revised and equalized. The assessors are expected to be in attendance at time of appeal for their respective districts.

Appeals on Military Enrollments will be held on same days at same places.

For Keating Township, March 3 and 4; Norwich and Sergeant Townships, March 5, at Smethport.

For Kane Borough, 1st and 3d wards, March 7, 2d and 4th wards, March 8; Wetmore Township, March 9; Hamilton Township, March 10, at Kane.

For Hamlin Township, March 11; Mt. Jewett Borough, March 12, at Mt. Jewett.

For Lafayette Township, March 14, at Mt. Alton.

For Bradford City, 1st ward, March 15; 2d ward, March 16; 3d ward, March 17; 4th ward, March 18; 5th ward, March 21; 6th ward, March 22; Bradford Township, March 23; Foster Township, March 24; Corydon Township, March 25, at Bradford, Producers' Exchange, Council Chamber.

For Eldred Borough, March 29; Eldred Township, March 28; Ceres Township, March 30, at Eldred.

For Otto Township, March 31, at Duke Centre.

For Smethport Borough, April 1, at Smethport.

For Port Allegany Borough, April 4; Liberty Township, April 5; Annin Township, April 6, at Port Allegany.

Given under our hands and seal of office at Smethport, Pa., this 9th day of February, 1898.

Attest:
S. D. WEAVER, Clerk.

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We once saw a horse sold for ninety-five cents. He was just as high and just as long as any horse. This may not be an elegant comparison, but it applies. A low priced article is not a cheap article. A cheap article is not always low priced. A low priced piano is a questionable piano. A questionable piano is a bad piano. Hence buy the best—

BUY A CHICKERING. . . . .

It will cost you some money—all good pianos do. The difference is not so great, but the quality is beyond comparison. We exhibit all styles of Chickerings.

E. L. SMITH & CO.
Masonic Temple. Olean, N. Y.

FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS

in quality—for—price. Look at our offering in all departments and make your own comparisons. We venture to say you will find no stock of

Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Etc.,

more complete or interesting. The variety and beauty, the workmanship and quality is only possible in a store where the flow of goods is immense and unhindered by the rocks of high prices.

We have the cream of the products of the whole world.

J. Colegrove.

PALACE PHARMACY.

[illegible]

Drugs, Patent Medicines, Extracts, Toilet Articles, etc.

SMETHPORT. PENN'A.

Nunundah Steam Laundry.

First-Class Work. Up-to-Date Prices.

I am prepared, having employed a practical laundryman, to do everything in my line. Family washing a specialty.

Laundry called for Mondays and Wednesdays and delivered when ordered. WORK GUARANTEED.

NEW NECKBANDS AND ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS ON LAUNDRY FREE.

Backus Block, SMETHPORT, PA.
T. H. Purtle, Manager and Proprietor.

SPECHT & SASSE,
THE OLD RELIABLE
FURNITURE DEALERS,

Are better prepared than ever to fill your wants in their line. Their stock is full and complete. Their prices at rock-bottom.

Do not fail to give them a call.

UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

ARE YOU GETTING GRAY?
[illegible] Hair Restorer

[illegible]

Are You Losing Your Hair?

MRS. G. C. PALMER,
THE UP-TO-DATE
MILLINER,

Is offering her present stock at cost in order to make room for the spring trade. Be sure to call [illegible]

OLEAN, - N. Y.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for.

WE INVITE YOU TO BRADFORD

BECAUSE—We can show you a greater variety in our lines than any smaller store can carry.

BECAUSE—We buy more goods, and buy them lower than other stores. We would never invite you to come here if we could not save you enough to pay you.

BECAUSE—Our knowledge is valuable to you on most of these lines. It is our business to know what is best, and why—and we do know.

BECAUSE—Our warrant stands back of what we sell here, and of what we tell you.

The store that undersells the hottest competition in Bradford—always—is a good store for you.

LAMPS.

A gold trimmed Banquet Lamp with globe, $2.00. An enormous variety of lamps at other prices Princess Lamps at $1.50.

STOVES.

100 Different Styles. Small Portable Gas Stoves, $3.00. The best Heater ever sold at $14. Wood Heaters, Mantel Heaters, Pure Air Heaters.

CHINA.

A stock of China that is not excelled anywhere. We import all foreign China direct. Exclusive agents for Haviland 100 styles of dinner sets, $6.7 per set and up.

HORSE BLANKETS.

The "Stay on" Horse Blankets and all other styles. Stable Blankets, $1.15 up. All Horse Goods are here. Fur Robes in all furs. Lap Robes at any price.

OIL WELL SUPPLIES,
STEAM FITTINGS,
LUMBERMEN'S SUPPLIES.

No need to tell you that in those lines we are recognized leaders.

L. Emery, Jr., & Co.,
EMERY & WEAVER,
The Great Supply House.
BRADFORD, PENN'A.

When at Store of D. C. YOUNG Buying Your

Hosiery, Underwear,
Dry Goods and Notions,
Boots, Shoes, etc.,

do not forget to look through the fine grocery department, where you will find many things to tempt you at very reasonable prices, for instance—

Maple Syrup, guaranteed pure, per gal.,	$1.00
Pure Buckwheat Flour, 25 lb. sack,	60c
Fresh made Dairy Butter, per pound	25c
Worcestershire Sauce, Durkee's Salad Dressing and Snider's Home-made Catsup, per bottle,	25c
Coffee, per pound,	12 to 35c
Tea, " "	25 to 50c

And there are other goods too numerous to mention at prices that cannot be beaten. Call and examine for yourself. Courteous treatment whether you buy or not. All goods bought and sold for cash.

D. C. YOUNG,
Jan. 4, 1898. Smethport, Pa.

Fall Millinery.

My stock has recently arrived and for style and quality it cannot be excelled.

FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS.

My new stock of single patterns is unequalled in this section. All the latest patterns—no two alike.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS.

Everything in this line that the most fanciful could desire. Don't fail to see my stock before purchasing.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Where are We at?
Our Office is at
Smethport, McKean County, Pa.
BUT
We are with You if you wish to Buy
Lumber
Lath
Shingles
Siding
Flooring
Ceiling
Moulding
Doors
Windows
Screens
Glass.
HOO-HOO.
Only a sample order will convince you that You're with Us
Call and see us, or write us for quotations.
HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

Our stock of Spring Shoes Has arrived.

It embraces the newest styles of nobby footwear in

Qualities that Cannot be excelled

We invite your inspection and solicit your patronage, knowing we can serve you to your advantage with STYLES, QUALITIES and PRICES IN YOUR FAVOR.

New **EMBROIDERIES, LACES and WASH GOODS**

are arriving. Look at them while you are here.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes.

Feb. 4, 1898. **Smethport, Pa.**

A Lasting Impression

is made by presenting your friend with your picture. But it must be a good one and to get a good one this is the place to come to. The light makes no difference—dark days just as good as bright ones.

If you want a good crayon at better figures than agents can give you call on or address

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer.

Smethport, Pa.

"SHOES."

We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES; every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

R. W. Bloodsworth & Co.,

Olean, N. Y.

Commence the New Year by Smoking

The American Gentleman Cigar.

You will never regret the good resolution you have started. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 25, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

As the night is always darkest
Ere the coming of the dawn;
So in life, when troubles gather,
And when hope itself is gone;
Will, sometimes, a rosy sunbeam
Herald the approaching day,
And dispel the gloomy shadows
From the dim, uncertain way.
Let the thought an inspiration,
To our drooping spirits be:
Though no star relieves the blackness,
Yet our gladdened eyes may see,
Any moment, now, the breaking
Of a day all bright and fair—
More glorious and unclouded,
From the night of deep dispair.

CHARLES A. OLMSTEAD.

—Advertise in the MINER.

—Criminal court next week.

—Lent commenced Wednesday.

—Supervisors bonds for sale at this office.

—See change in McCoy's drug store advertisement.

—The Bradford races will be held June 28, 29, 30 and July 1

—A good time to pay your subscription —while attending court next week.

—Dr. Housworth will be at the store of M. L. Armstrong Monday, March 7.

—C. M. Colegrove has been on the sick list for a few days, but is now improving.

—Mrs. Timothy Lane of Farmers Valley was reported very low last Saturday.

—There was an enjoyable impromptu dance given at opera house last Monday evening.

—W. Bennett of Eldred has been very ill with pneumonia, but is gradually improving.

—S. Hicks, optician, of Kane will be at Chadwick's drug store on Monday, February 28.

—Mrs. W. H. Roeder of Farmers Valley has been ill with la grip, but is much improved.

—Pat Smith is very low with consumption and takes scarcely any nourishment whatever now.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hogarth entertained a party of friends at cards last Monday night.

—A. N. Hughes of Olean has been wielding a razor in the Sturdvient barber shop for a few days.

—Mrs. Laura Martin and Miss Emma Roeder of Farmers Valley are both reported ill with pneumonia.

—Fine letter and note heads, statements, bill heads, envelopes and everything in the stationery line.

—We see by the Kane Republican of Monday evening that Hayes Heath of Eldred is in Kane with a view of locating.

—W. H. Swartz of Farmers Valley has been confined to the house with a severe attack of pleurisy, but is reported as improving.

—Note the change in the advertisement of H. W. Rubin & Co. They call attention to spring suits and hats. Be sure to read it and profit thereby.

—Hugh Jennings, short stop of the Baltimore club of the national league, is coaching the candidates for the 1898 St. Bonaventure college ball team.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hubbard are entertaining a little boy stranger at the residence of Jas. A. McKean who arrived Wednesday. All are doing finely.

—Althea M. Reese died at his home in DuBois on Thursday of last week. Mr. Reese had many friends in Smethport who will learn with regret of his demise.

—[illegible] has been entertaining a felon on his thumb for the last few days. Alfred, avoid the company of felons.

—Attachment in Execution blanks for sale at this office. In fact almost all kinds of blanks in stock. Send in your orders.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bartwell gave a progressive euchre party at their King street residence on Thursday evening of last week.

—A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed on the Strobridge case. Dr. Strobridge claims that she has diplomas and will fight her prosecutors.

—We notice from a recent copy of the Hardwick, Vt., Gazette that Editor Layman is winning golden opinions from his contemporaries on his newspaper ability.

—W. H. Wetenhall and three children and Mrs. R. Beckwith are all confined to the house with a severe attack of grip. There is a slight improvement at this writing.

—Bert Kidder has rented the old tin shop in the rear of the Sprague building, and will use the same as a bicycle repair shop. He will repair your wheel while you wait.

—The following letters remain in the postoffice for the week ending February 19: Miss Kate Dulien, Mike Spurka. Persons calling for letters please say "advertised."

—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brownell pleasantly entertained the members of the M. E. choir and a number of the teachers last Monday night. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

—It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. L. Steinhauer of Clermont will soon move to the farm of S. P. Beckwith, at Farmers Valley, where they will make their home in the future.

—"Greater Olean" boasts a population this year of 15,923; or with her suburbs of Allegany, Portville and Weston's Mills of 18,495. City proper numbers 10,787.—Hornellsville Times.

—Through the kindness of Paul Hamlin we are permitted to publish a very interesting letter from John P. Mullin, who with his party was in Alaska when the letter was written.

—A delightful card party was given at the residence of Andrew McCabe on Marvin street last Monday evening. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time is reported by all who were present.

—Gardner Callen is quite ill at his home in East Smethport with bronchitis. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Charley Pratt is attending to the duties of constable during Mr. Callen's illness.

—There was a donation held at the residence of Frank Vickery last Friday evening for the benefit of Rev. W. A. Bennett of Farmers Valley. A very enjoyable time was experienced and a liberal donation followed.

—Sporting Life says that "Michael" Keefer, who has cut quite a dash in Smethport, Pa., will play in Toronto next season. If our own "Mike" is given half a show he will cut quite a dash in Canuckland this season.

—A committee from East Smethport waited on Rev. Dr. Walker recently, inviting him to preach at the above place once in two weeks. He consented to do so for awhile and will preach there next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—The Scientific American gives an illustration of a hand scoop with a weighing device attached that will be highly appreciated by all who have use for such an article. It is neatly constructed and when placed on the market will command a ready sale.

—The meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Wednesday, March 2, will be given to facts, impressions and opinions of Miss Frances E. Willard, national and world's president, so lately "called home." All are cordially invited. In the Methodist chapel at 3 p. m.

—Miss Mabel Louis White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. White of Springfield, Mass., was united in marriage to Milton T. Melvin of Bradford at the home of the bride's parents last Friday evening. Mr. Melvin's many friends will extend congratulations.

—Yesterday the MINER received from one who claimed to be one of Smethport's "High School Kids" an alleged piece of Klondike poetry. The kid did not feel sufficiently proud of his poetry to attach his name, consequently with regrets it was consigned to the waste basket.

—Frank Carpenter in last Sunday's Buffalo Express robbed Washington of a great deal of veneration in which the immortal George is held by the average American. Carpenter stated that Washington was "red headed." No one hereafter will place any faith in the cherry tree episode.

—William J. Scanlon died at Bloomingdale on Saturday. Scanlon, in his time, was a clever comedian and made himself famous by singing his own songs. Among his prettiest and sweetest were, "Bhain Molly-O," "Peek-a-Boo," "My Nellie's Blue Eyes," and "Gathering the Myrtle with Mary."

—Al. Nelson will start a "Bats club" in Port Allegany. He has been watching the controversy between that town and Smethport of late, and comes to the conclusion that Port is an ideal location. Mr. Nelson will put in a racket store on the side, and the Autograph wishes him success in his new venture.—Autograph.

—A Mr. Jewett special to the Bradford Era, dated Feb. 21, says: The school building at this place was almost destroyed by fire to-night. The fire was discovered at 11 o'clock, after it had gained considerable headway. The building is wrecked and all of its contents are a total loss. The school house was a 6-room, 2-story structure, and cost about $6,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

—Beside the regular and required work in the C. L. S. C., two papers will be prepared and read. First, a Geographical and Historical Study, Sicily, and The Saracens. Enough cannot be said in favor of this line of work that is being kept before the public with a view of interesting as many as possible. The work can be taken up at any time with benefit to all.

—H. A. Chilcoat, who resides near McKean's Switch, was held up and robbed last Tuesday night at about 9 o'clock by three masked men. Mr. Chilcoat had been to Simpson where he did some marketing and sold some eggs. The highwaymen failed to get any money, as he was not possessed of any of the filthy lucre. Mr. C. claimed they shot at him once as he was getting away. Our informant says that poor Chilcoat was the worst case of fright he ever saw.

—In last Sunday evening's sermon at St. Luke's on the subject of "Discipline," a grateful tribute was paid to those lost on the "Maine," and the conduct of the surviving officer and remnant of the crew was presented as a remarkable illustration of the power of discipline and self control; Capt. Sigsbee's carefully worded dispatch going far to restrain excitement among the people. The conduct of Spain in Cuba was alluded to, with the probable results which conservative minds are anticipating, and the attitude of our government given as an example of self-control and not of indifference to the cause of the insurgents.

—Married, at the home of the bride, in West Carthage, Feb. 17, 1898, by Rev. J. B. Felt, Mr. Norman C. Keeler of Smethport, Pa., and Miss Mamie E. Lovejoy.—Carthage (N. Y.) Tribune. Norm, as he is familiarly called here, is a young man well known and popular in these parts. His many friends unite with the MINER in extending congratulations.

—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, was married to the leading lady of his company, Maxine Elliott, in Cleveland, O., last Sunday. Goodwin was recently divorced from a former wife in New York State. The laws of that State prohibit the marriage of either of the parties concerned until the death of one or the other, but this fact did not prevent Nat from marrying in Ohio, where the above law has no effect.

—One of the regrets of the entertainment given at the fire police fair on Wednesday evening last at the Lyceum was the sudden illness of Miss Cora Barr. The lady was taken ill while in the act of delivering the famous recitation "How Ruby Played." She was assisted from the stage and from thence to her home. Her ailment happily proved momentary and it was not long before she was almost fully recovered. Since then the young lady has had a relapse and is now confined to her home, 25 Summer street, with what is thought to be an attack of typhoid fever.—Bradford Post.

—The many friends of C. R. Sprague will be pleased to learn that "Bob" is in Galveston, Tex., and doing well. Bert Kidder received a letter from him recently in which he expresses himself as well pleased with his location, and furthermore ridicules the idea of going to Klondike. In starting his letter he says: "This is a beautiful and very warm Sunday afternoon. I am lying in the grass two miles from the city on the banks of the San Antonio river. The weather is grand and the scenery beautiful." In the letter he states that the thermometer registers 80 in the shade at the time he was writing.

Death of Mrs. H. W. Georgia.

Died at State Line Mills, February 18, 1898, Almira M., wife of H. W. Georgia, aged 65 years, 6 months and 5 days.

Deceased was born August 13, 1832, at Danby, Tompkins county, N. Y., and spent her early married life in Tioga and Chemung counties, N. Y., where all her children, three boys and four girls, were born. She is survived by her husband and five children: Mrs. Ransford Jones and Mrs. W. W. Hicks, of Williamsport; Willis Z., Maria L. and Clara A. of State Line Mills.

From Chemung county the family removed to Lycoming county, Pa., where they resided five years at Roaring Branch and eight years at Williamsport, coming from the latter place to Smethport in 1881. During a nine years' residence in this borough Mrs. Georgia, by her many womanly virtues and Christian traits of character, endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact and the heartfelt sympathy of this entire community goes out to the afflicted family in their bereavement. In 1890 the family moved to State Line Mills.

The funeral was held from the family residence at one o'clock last Monday afternoon, Rev. T. R. Taylor, pastor of the Smethport Baptist church, of which denomination the deceased had long been a consistent member, officiating. Interment in Portville, N. Y., cemetery, a long line of carriages following the remains to the grave.

Friends and relatives present from out-of-town were: Mrs. B. F. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lindsley, Mrs. W. H. Knight, Mrs. J. Colegrove, Mrs. Henry Smith and son, of Smethport; Miss Libbie Moses, of Eldred; Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Winterstine, Miss Helen Rogers, of Portville; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Georgia, Miss Estella Georgia, Miss Alice Georgia, of Olean; Mr. Geo. Brooks, of Waverly, N. Y., and Mr. D. C. Brooks, of Spencer, N. Y., the two last being the only living brothers of the deceased.

Traveler's Club Banquet.

The members of the Travelers' Club banqueted at the Wright House last Tuesday evening. The spacious dining room of Comrade Wright's hostelry might have truly been termed a "poem" in yellow and white, as the well known colors of this popular club were everywhere in evidence. The color idea was carried out even to the refreshments—the delicious ice cream was yellow and white, and while not meaning to be poetical, it was indeed frozen delight.

Fifty-eight guests enjoyed the refreshments, which made all at peace with the world in general and prepared them in a befitting manner for the intellectual feast which followed. Mrs. D. C. Young was toastmistress, and as usual, that lady filled her position in an exemplary manner. Mrs. S. D. Weaver was the first to respond, her subject being "Our Guests." Her reply showed careful study and research. Mrs. J. N. Apple's response, "Our Club," was of more than ordinary interest. Mrs. Chas. McKean told about "Our Town," in a highly commendable manner. Mrs. D. L. Forsythe toasted "Our Homes" in a way that touched the hearts of all. Mrs. Sheridan Gorton told all about "Our Lady Directors," which was a timely subject and exceptionally well handled. Mrs. H. C. Wells' subject, "Our Husbands, Sons and Sweethearts," was delivered in a convincing style and was highly appreciated. T. F. Richmond spoke about "Our Ladies," and seemed to be very familiar with his subject.

The favors were cards bearing the national colors and verses singularly appropriate to the present attitude of our country.

Taken in all it was probably the most successful affair of its kind ever given in this borough and our only regret is that the "rules of space" forbid a more extended mention.

Hymeneal.

Married, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents on Mechanic street, by Rev. Dr. I. T. Walker, Miss Rose L. Grumbine and Mr. William O. Herzog, both of this place.

Though the marriage of these well-known and popular young people has been expected, at this time it was quite a surprise. None but the relatives and a few immediate friends were present. The beautiful service of the Methodist Episcopal church was used.

Miss Grumbine is an accomplished young lady who is highly respected and admired by a host of friends in this and other places, while Mr. Herzog is known as a young man of sterling integrity. He has been for some years in the employ of Mr. Anderson of Colegrove, and, like his charming bride, counts his friends by the hundreds. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Buffalo, Rochester and other points. The MINER tenders its heartiest congratulations.

WANTED—Salesmen to handle our Lubricating Oils on Commission in Smethport and vicinity. Liberal terms.
THE KIRKOIL COMPANY,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Come and see my new styles of Spring suitings.
8-tf JOHN MILLER

Subscribe for the MINER.

FELL TO HER DEATH.

Mrs. S. L. Bergstresser's Skull Crushed by a Fall Down a Steep Stairway.

[illegible] her skull on the first step of the left branch, in a senseless condition. After each other position as much as possible he summoned aid. Dr. Clark was soon at her bedside and upon examination found that her skull was crushed at the base of the brain and that death must have been almost instantaneous. On being asked whether or not her neck was broken, Dr. Clark informed the writer that it was not. An examination was not made, however, and he could not answer positively.

Exactly how she happened to fall will never be known, but the general supposition is that while ascending the stairs she lost her balance and fell backward, striking in the manner above described. She was a very large woman and was subject to heart disease, which trouble might have attacked her at this time, causing her to lose control of herself.

The deceased was born in Laurelton, Union county, Pa., 56 years ago, and was married to S. L. Bergstresser about the year 1867. They moved to Smethport in 1874, where they have since lived. About the year 1889 they built the Bergstresser House and the unfortunate woman devoted her whole time to the management of the same. Besides a loving husband she leaves to mourn her loss five sisters, Mrs. G. Norman of Kanesholm, Mrs. F. G. Metzgar of New York City, Mrs. O. S. Greeley of Ormsby, Miss Maggie Foster of Mifflinburg and Miss Grace Schnure of this place; and two brothers, James and C. C. Schnure of Bradford.

The funeral was held from the house at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Rev. I. T. Walker officiating, and the remains were placed in Rose Hill cemetery.

A Letter From Alaska.

The following letter from Alaska was received by Paul Hamlin this week:

ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP QUEEN,
MONDAY, A. M., Feb. 7, 1898.

MY DEAR PAUL—

We have just crossed the line and are in Alaska; everything looks strange. We have not experienced any very rough weather. Some of the boys were a little squeamish crossing Queen Charlotte's sound, but your humble servant did not feel any bad effects from it; in fact, I rather enjoyed it, there was just motion enough to the ship to lull me to sleep.

I have got well acquainted with the party, and I must say that they are an agreeable lot of boys.

We are running into a colder climate; the mountains are covered with snow, but we do not expect to get any very cold weather till we start over the pass. I have formed the acquaintance of three or four miners who are going back. They have claims and were out to see their friends and take in fresh supplies. I have got, what I consider, some good hints from them. I had an introduction to Mr. Dalton (I think his first name is John) after whom the Dalton trail is named. He is a pleasant, friendly man. He gave me some information I think will be useful. He is in Seattle, but will catch up with us on the pass.

We ran through a school of porpoises before I came down to write and some of the old timers on the boat say that we may expect to see whales any time, but it is too cold for me to stay on deck to watch for them.

We had some bother about our freight. We could not get it on the Queen, and got it shipped on the Humboldt. It will be at Dyea as soon as we will, or very shortly after. I will not write any more now, but will make a continuous story of it and write a few pages every morning while we are on the boat. I have promised to write to a number of my friends in Smethport, and I told it is impossible for me to do so, so you are at liberty to publish this letter or any other that I write.

SOMEWHERE ON THE STRAITS OF ALASKA,
STEAMSHIP QUEEN, Feb. 8, 1898.

MY DEAR PAUL—

I got your steamer letter just before leaving Seattle and, of course, did not read it until we were one day out. It was a "dandy" and I let Dr. Hamilton and Bob read it.

Bob is a great lad and is all and more than you told me he was. We will have no trouble in getting along; he uses good judgment (we always agree, that is why I say, he uses good judgment).

Our trip so far has been a pleasant jaunt, and if we never get a cent of gold, we ourselves, will have no cause to complain. The only incident of the trip worthy of mention happened last night. We were running along at a 25 knot rate through what is known here as the inner channel, just south and west of Wrangel, when suddenly one of the rudder chains snapped. The pilot endeavored to steer the boat, but she would not be steered. The shores of the channel are about half a mile apart, and before they could let the anchor go the boat had drifted pretty close to the right hand bank. They finally, however, got a good hold with the anchor and the boat rested while the break was repaired. At the time of the accident the tide was at its height (about 8 p. m.) and by the time they had the chain in working order again, the tide was running out so fast that they did not dare move the boat, and it was only a short time until we were "hard aground," and the tide was still running out. Supper was ready, but before it was finished the boat had listed so much that it was impossible to walk across the inclined floors, and the waiters could not serve the food. Most did not leave the boat right as the water receded, until the situation assumed a serious aspect, when the small boats were lowered and preparations made to take the passengers ashore if it became necessary. Nobody wanted to go ashore, however, and the fortitude shown by the women (75 of them) was something marvelous. They sang songs and had a merry time, little thinking or rather caring what the result of the accident might be.

All we could do was to wait for the incoming tide and about 4:30 we got word from the sailors on shore who had been sent there for that purpose, that the tide had turned. Then up went a shout and there was a general rejoicing. In the midst of the hilarity, though, came new trouble. Fire broke out in the linen room and, although quickly extinguished, would have caused a bad stampede if the officers had not kept the passengers in ignorance of it. We only learned it this morning.

The damage caused by the accident was considerable. Three dogs were lost—two of them swam ashore, what became of the other I do not know. One mule was killed, one horse hurt and a great deal of damage was done to the freight and baggage.

After getting off we went back a ways and are now taking the outside channel, which is a good deal rougher but safer. Some of the boys are sea sick. We have got a great crowd, and if we don't make money, I don't know who will.

Well, old man, I will say farewell. Remember me to Orle, Gallup, Mayo and all the other boys, and also to all the girls.

As always,
JOHN.

The boat was tipped to a 40 degree line.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? Drop us a postal for free catalogue and lowest prices ever offered.
G. WILLARD & CO.
36tf Olean, N. Y.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great pile remedy. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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Do you see the [illegible] Lengmiet about [illegible]

PERSONAL MENTION.

[illegible]

[illegible] came over from [illegible]

[illegible] visited Bradford Wednesday on business.

Judge McCalmont and Sheriff Davis visited Bradford Monday.

Emil Thiem made a business trip to Clermont last Saturday.

T. F. Richmond paid a business visit to Warren last Friday.

Ex-Senator A. F. Bannon came over from Bradford Wednesday.

E. R. Mayo transacted legal business at Clearfield last Monday.

C. C. Carmody of Larabee was in town the fore part of the week.

Chas. Pinkham of Lafayette was a caller at the MINER office on Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Keyes and Miss Ida Bennett visited Buffalo on Tuesday.

A. T. Palmer and T. H. Purtle transacted business in Mt. Alton Saturday.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett was in town Monday on legal business.

W. W. Tate of Wellsboro was greeting old friends in town last Sunday.

Attorney Neal Ryan of Kane came down from that Klondike region yesterday.

Mrs. F. C. Pierce left last Wednesday for a two weeks' visit in Warren and vicinity.

P. Gaynor and John Mefinal of Clermont were pleasant callers at this office Monday.

J. C. Stull of Farmers Valley was a most agreeable caller at this office last Saturday.

G. W. Mitchell has been spending several days in Bradford in the interest of [illegible] affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lindsley attended the funeral of Mrs. H. W. Georgia at State Line Mills Monday.

Miss Maud Shoemaker returned from Buffalo last Saturday night, where she has been engaged as professional nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burdick took advantage of the W. N. Y. & P. excursion and paid Buffalo a visit on Tuesday last.

Mrs. E. L. Smith and daughter of Olean arrived in town last Saturday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clarke.

Mike Bacon was in town Monday after a few days' sojourn in Bradford. Mr. Bacon has accepted a position at the Central.

S. J. Carlson, one of Turtle Point's energetic and prosperous farmers, was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday.

County Treasurer T. H. Clark came over from Bradford Monday. Mr. Clark has had a severe attack of la grippe but has about recovered.

R. H. Dunkley left this week for Corydon where he will operate the farm of his father-in-law, Daniel Keen. Mr. Dunkley has the best wishes of the MINER for success.

M. Chitfield of Farmers Valley was a most agreeable caller last Saturday. Mr. Chitfield has been suffering with congestion of the lungs and malarial fever, but has recovered.

N. W. Heinemann of Colegrove was in town Monday and made the MINER a pleasant call. Mr. Heinemann informs us that he will put down another well on his Norwich township property shortly.

County Commissioner Lemuel Haas arrived from Kane last Wednesday where he has been for about ten days undergoing treatment. His many friends here were glad to see him resume his duties.

Geo. Wack, late conductor on the B., B. & K., leaves next Tuesday for Hoaden, Latah county, Idaho. The best wishes of the MINER and a host of Smethport friends will follow Mr. Wack to his far western home.

Traveler's Club Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Travelers' Club the following resolutions were presented and adopted by the club:

Whereas, The United States of America has met with dire affliction in the destruction of the battleship Maine, while lying at anchor in the harbor of Havana February 15, 1898, and that as a people we have been called upon to mourn the untimely death of two hundred and fifty of our nation's defenders, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as American wives, mothers and sisters, extend our sympathy to those bereft, to the nation in her great calamity and to the friends of those brave and gallant men who met death on duty. May the voices silent forever and the gaping wounds in those home circles, but serve to bind those left behind more closely to Him who has given and who has taken away, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Whereas, In the death of Miss Frances E. Willard the nation, and the organizations in which her life work was so unfalteringly performed, have sustained a severe loss, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Travelers' Club of Smethport extend their hearty sympathy to the W. C. T. U. and the Woman's Suffrage Association, both of whom have lost a fearless, brave exponent of the principles that alcohol is a poison, that woman must protect and keep inviolate the purity and patriotism of the American home; that she has equal God given ability with man and should have equal rights of suffrage. The sweet fragrance of her life seems to float out and around her, stimulating her sex to greater exertion and sacrifice for the right, as we repeat the motto of which she was the author, "For God and Home and Native Land," combining in its words the highest type of religion, devotion and patriotism.

HARRIET E. REDFIELD,
HETTIE S. MORRISON,
EMMA A. GIFFORD,
Committee.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

Mr. Ward L. Smith of Fredericktown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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When in Olean if you desire a first-class meal for 25 cents call at the Palm Restaurant, [illegible] Union street.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

[illegible] present to the [illegible] of about [illegible] the battle of [illegible] on the side of the wagon [illegible] the contents of which mixing with the contents of the tank, form a chemical combination that is most effective in putting out fire. The wagon weighs 2,500 pounds and has 250 feet of hose. A double set of harness is in position for instant adjustment, and altogether the apparatus is a great improvement on the old way of fighting fire. It is especially good for small fires, as all damage to household effects by water is done away with. After April 1st the wagon will be kept by the Citizens Hose Company. A most successful test of the apparatus Tuesday afternoon was made.

A sensational meeting of the Pompelon Club was held at the Church of Eternal Hope last Saturday evening. The subject for discussion was, "The Significance of the Growth of Fraternal Societies," and the sensation was sprung by Attorney J. M. McClure, whose caustic speeches are an interesting feature of these debates. Mr. McClure said that the true Christian who really believes in the Christianity of Jesus Christ, could not conscientiously belong to secret and fraternal societies; that the formulation of such societies was selfishness, pure and unadulterated; and that those who joined did so usually for business, social or political reasons. His speech made quite a small-sized sensation.

The present board of school control held its last meeting Friday afternoon. The first installment of the State appropriation for public schools was received and a report of that sum made by Mr. Willis. The amount received was $7,000 and more is expected at once. Since the taxpayers voted for the issuing of bonds for $41,000 with which to erect a new school building, many capitalists have been negotiating for them. A site will undoubtedly be chosen at once and work started as soon as possible. W. B. Weaver, for years president of the board, has withdrawn.

The women of this city are very much interested at present in helping to pay the "Nation's Debt of Honor" as it is called. When George Washington died he left $25,000 on compound interest which amount, when sufficiently large, was to be used in erecting and endowing a university. The women of the country have organized under the name of "The George Washington Memorial Association," with chairmen in every town, and are striving to make up this amount, which in some manner has been lost track of.

The base ball meeting that was to be held in this city a week ago, did not come off for some unknown reason. A meeting was held at Warren Wednesday, which was attended by Chauncey Stuart and Sid Clark of this city. The outlook for a season of base ball that was once so bright is now rather dubious. Bradfordites are very anxious that Olean shall be in the league. With Olean as an opponent a zest will be given the sport that would otherwise be lacking.

At a meeting of councils held Monday night an ordinance regulating the duties of the chief of the fire department passed first and second reading. It provides that in addition to his regular duties he shall take care of the fire alarm system. An ordinance fixing his salary at $720 per year after April 1 passed first and second reading.

An Italian boy named Pinpard was stabbed in the arm by another boy of the same nationality, aged 12 years, Sunday afternoon. The wound was inflicted by a good sized pocket knife and is a very ugly one, although not serious.

The local W. C. T. U. is going to erect a fine brick building on the lot owned by them on the public square. The ladies expect to build a handsome block, part of which will doubtless be rented as store rooms.

Miss La Verne Minkss, a former Bradford girl who is now a missionary in China, writes most interesting letters of her life and work among the heathen of that benighted country.

Barrett Ittell, a young man of Bradford whose strange actions have caused comment for some time, has been pronounced insane and will be taken to Warren.

The pre-lenten dance of the Orpheus Club, given last Friday evening, was a most successful affair, as was the dance of the Elite Club Monday evening.

A meeting of the representatives of the Lake Erie Trotting Circuit was held in the parlors of the St. James Tuesday afternoon.

An anti-saloon league was organized in this city last week. Hon. Loyal Ward was elected president of the association.

It is very probable that Bradford will have a fine new Y. M. C. A. building in the near future.

TURTLE POINT.

Dr. Strobridge says Smethport people can shoot their mouths and constables at her and she don't care as long as they don't fire shot guns and clubs.

A. M. Olliett of this place has sold his house and lot to Frank Wanamaker, the depot agent, and will soon move to Springville, N. Y.

George Bentley and family are soon to move to Springville, N. Y., where George has bought an interest in a draying business.

The dance at Dan Crowley's, Monday evening, was well attended. Profs. Thomson & Woodard furnished the music.

Dr. Colcord of Port Allegany was called to this place on Saturday last to attend Mrs. John Andrews, who is sick.

Mr. George Bentley and wife has just returned from a week's visit with friends in Steuben county, N. Y.

Constable Callen of East Smethport was doing business in this place one day last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Whitney, a girl; tipped the scales at 9 lbs, 10 oz.

Peter McNally of Chipmunk, N. Y., is visiting friends in Turtle this week.

Mr. Leslie Patterson of Pierce Brook had business in this place Monday.

W. A. Strobridge and wife went to Eldred on a business mission Monday.

Justice Ward of Port Allegany had business in this place last week.

S. P. Bacon went to Smethport Saturday last on business of election.

Dr. Ida Strobridge made a flying trip to Harrisburg last week.

Miss Nell Miller went to Port Allegany on Saturday last.

A Series of Sermons.

Rev. Dr. Walker will deliver a series of sermons during the month of March on the following subjects Sunday evenings:

March 6—The Creation.
March 13—The Fall of Man and the Promise.
March 20—The Fruits of the Fall.
March 27—The Rainbow Covenant.

Topics for next Sunday morning and evening are, morning, "Holiness the True Glory of the Trinity;" evening, "Light a Revealer." All are most cordially invited.

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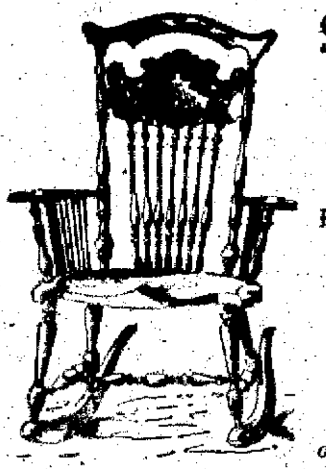

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[illegible] DRAINAGE.

[illegible] to Connecticut [illegible].

The [illegible] summer of 1897 [illegible] the farmers of many sections to drain their lands, and they have heeded it. A Connecticut correspondent, writing to Country Gentleman from Hartford county, says:

"I do not remember a time when so many drains were being laid as at present. Farmers who had fields of potatoes [illegible] digging and [illegible] only fit [illegible] under are determined not [illegible] experience so costly and [illegible]. If the next season were to [illegible] dry as half a dozen preceding [illegible] present one, they might secure fair [illegible], but what the farmers want is insurance against loss from the effects of [illegible] in another wet season. They are acting wisely, for it is probable that the increased yield of their crops during the first coming summer of excessive rain will offset the cost of drainage.

The drains that are being constructed in the valley lands are almost exclusively of tile. On the rocky lands away from the Connecticut river some stone drains are being built. When it is an object to get the land of surface stones, it may be advisable to build stone drains, but the additional labor required makes a stone drain more expensive than one of tile under almost any circumstances.

There is some little variation in the method of making a stone drain, but the ordinary plan is to lay a row of stones on each side at the bottom of the ditch, cover across with flat stones, place a layer of cobblestones on these to a depth of several inches, cover the small stones with straw or brush to prevent the loose earth from filling the crevices and fill up the ditch with soil.

One objection to a drain of this kind is the liability, provided the soil at the bottom of the ditch is not of equal hardness for its entire length, that some of the foundation stones will sink below the line of the rest. In this case the drain is likely to be choked up. Another objection is that burrowing animals may enter the drain and obstruct it. However, a stone drain well laid on a hardpan bottom will often remain in position and perform good service for many years. I do not intend to say anything to discourage any farmer with an overabundance of loose stones upon his lands from building a stone drain. Indeed there are many situations where an open drain, with sloping sides grassed over, is very much better than none.

Ben Davis Apple in Vermont.

The Rural New Yorker says: "In our opinion it is a mistake to plant the Ben Davis apple in Vermont. Vermont cannot grow such large and highly colored Ben Davis as they raise in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas, and that's the apple they have to compete with. But Vermont can grow Northern Spy and greenings, Fameuse and Arctics as fine as anything in the world, and that is what Vermont growers ought to stick to. With the competition which now exists in the apple business, and which is bound to grow sharper and sharper every year, no one should dare go to the market with any fruit which is not the best of its kind. The best Ben Davis always brings a good price—more's the pity—but we can't understand what use could be made of a second class Ben Davis. Of course Vermonters pack first class Ben Davis, but they are second [illegible] with the Ozark pack."

Handy Contrivances.

[illegible] men about railway freight stations an affair similar to the one shown in Fig. 1 in the cut, but not having the convenient shovel handle. The [illegible] of iron at the bottom is placed under the edge of a heavy barrel or box, the [illegible] balanced over the small wheels and the whole easily wheeled away. The shovel handle makes the wheeling

[illegible] CONTRIVANCES.

[illegible] easier. Such a device will be found very useful on the farm. Make it of hard wood, with wide iron tracks. In Fig. 2 is shown an improved form [illegible] for moving heavy bodies in the [illegible] or barn, stones being handled [illegible] special ease by the use of this little [illegible] on very low, broad castors, [illegible] and is so low as almost to [illegible] the floor. Farm Journal, which [illegible] illustrated both these articles, says: "By tilting up the object to be moved and backing the platform in under it can then be wheeled anywhere."

Here and There.

A Massachusetts contributor to The New England Homestead claims that there is at least $2.50 per ton difference between home grown and baled hay.

[illegible] figures showing the decline of [illegible] in Connecticut are given by a Litchfield county statistician.

[illegible] cranberry market is ap[illegible], particularly in the east.

The outlook for the sheep industry is [illegible] at present, and the sheep [illegible] encouraged.

Mr. Charles Parry expressed the opinion at a [illegible] institute that wi[illegible] unless the immense profits in [illegible] culture they will be tumbling over each other to set out the groves.

[illegible] Crimson Clover, eh? [illegible] try hitting him! He loves [illegible]. Set Sir Muriate after him, advises Rural New Yorker.

An exchange says that in the southwest [illegible] are planted in different [illegible] and allowed to remain [illegible] mice feed on this [illegible] damage to trees.

[illegible] Grape Crop.

[illegible] the grape crop this [illegible] heavy rains, is estimated at $2,000,000. Farmers and [illegible] the northern part of the [illegible]. While this is true, it [illegible] fact that lost and falling [illegible] be restored by the persistent [illegible] one of the great national [illegible] Stomach Bitters, which [illegible] the activity of the stomach [illegible] the bowels, counteracts a [illegible] to rheumatism and kidney complaints, [illegible] malarial disorders. [illegible] have run their [illegible] greatly accelerated by [illegible] of the Bitters, which improves [illegible] renewed vigor to [illegible].

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[illegible] Spavin Liniment removes all [illegible] lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, [illegible] ringbone, stifles, [illegible] coughs, etc. [illegible] by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

[illegible] Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of [illegible], says: "I bought [illegible] of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism [illegible] it did me more [illegible] any medicine I ever took." [illegible] A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, [illegible]

[illegible] hours [illegible] 30 minutes [illegible] Lotion. This [illegible]

Comets to Appear.

The London Globe says that a number of comets will appear in the skies during the year 1898. "The Pons Winnecke comet should open the list by appearing in April, after an absence of about 5½ years. In May the celebrated Encke comet is due. This comet has a period of only 3⅓ years, and its frequent reappearance has been the means of astronomers discovering a great deal about comets and their wanderings through space. In June we should have two of these celestial visitors—Swift's and Wolf's comets—the former after an absence of six years and the latter a trifle longer. Tempel's comet completes the visitors' list by arriving in September. These comets are all regular visitors, whose periods are so well known that their arrivals may be timed almost to the hour. Others, no doubt, will arrive, but they will doubtless be casuals, of whose antecedents nothing is known, and most of them such small fry as to catch the attention of only the most assiduous observers."

Melting Metals.

A note concerning the peculiar phenomenon noticed in the melting of metals when under extended pressure has recently been published by R. Le chef of Wiesbaden. When a metal is bedded in a mortar of chemically pure aluminium oxide, thoroughly dried and then subjected to the necessary heat, a considerable retardation in melting is noticed. For instance, a rod of silver, which should melt at 1,830 degrees F., when thus treated will not change its form and melt together until 5,730 degrees F. Palladium, which should melt at 2,730 degrees F., shows no sign of yielding at 2,900 degrees F. It would seem that these rods of metal, unable to expand while in the powerful grip of the aluminium oxide, which contracts on heating, simply cannot melt as they would under normal conditions.

Boy Wanted.

Merchant (to applicant for position)—Are you a good penman and a good speller?

Applicant (who has recently graduated from public schools with high honors)—No, sir. I cannot spell well, neither can I write legibly, but in physiology, astronomy, geology and zoology I am an expert.

Merchant (testily to clerk in next room)—John, send in some one with a practical education.—Minneapolis Tribune.

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Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 262, October Term, 1897.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Anna L. Archer did, on the 4th day of September, 1897, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, George N. Archer.

We therefore command you, the said George N. Archer, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Anna L. Archer, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Anna L. Archer, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
T. R. Curry, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 31, 1898.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINISTRATORS and Guardians, having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court, to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1898.

First and final account of D. L. Haven, administrator of the estate of Orin Haven, deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Moody, administrator of the estate of Grant Y. Still, deceased.

First and final account of Geo. W. Mitchell, guardian of Myrtle D. Mayler (now Myrtle D. Kernes) minor child of Jeremiah Mayler, late of Kendall Creek, Pa.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register,
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.
Smethport, Pa., February 1st, 1898.

Executors' Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary in the estate of E. H. Barnum, late of Bradford City, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment of such indebtedness, and those having claims against the same, to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

C. L. LYONS,
W. R. POWERS,
Executors of the estate of E. H. Barnum, deceased.
Bradford Pa., Feb. 7, 1898. 6-4t

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SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, [illegible] exposed at public sale at the Court House [illegible] borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY [illegible]

at [illegible] the following described property, to wit:

1.

[illegible] Bradford city, McKean county, [illegible] Pennsylvania, [illegible] as follows: Beginning at [illegible] corner of [illegible] A. K. [illegible] formerly owned by A. K. Jennings [illegible] northerly by the west line [illegible] A. K. Johnson [illegible] Ten [illegible] feet from the place of beginning [illegible] street [illegible] to the place of beginning and being the same land conveyed by [illegible] Oil Exchange to Anna H. Pride by deed dated August 20th, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book No. 47, page [illegible]. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Anna H. Pride at the suit of John S. Rockwell.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

2.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or tract of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the north side of school street twenty-seven (27) rods west of the northwest corner of public school lands; thence west six rods along school street; thence north ten rods (10) to a post; thence east six (6) rods to a post; thence south ten (10) rods to school street to the place of beginning, being south half of old village lot No. [illegible] and No. 314 and containing sixty (60) square rods. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods, ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging. Improved and having thereon one large two story frame dwelling house with addition, and one story frame dwelling house with addition, one board barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of James E. Blair, [illegible], [illegible] Walker, Isabel Blair, Dora B. Everson, Josephine Steele, Emma Blair, Albert Blair, Elmer Blair and Henry Blair, children and heirs at law of James E. Blair, dec'd, at the suit of Eliza Loomis.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

3.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of lot conveyed to Ida Shay by John Barry and wife by deed dated June 25th, 1891, said point being in the north line of Jackson avenue; thence northerly by east line of said Shay lot one hundred (100) feet; thence easterly by a line parallel with said Jackson avenue forty-seven (47) feet to northwest corner of lot heretofore conveyed to Bridget O'Connell; thence southerly by west line of said O'Connell lot one hundred (100) feet to north line of Jackson avenue; thence westerly along north line of Jackson avenue forty-seven (47) feet to the place of beginning. Being lot No. 3 of the land of the said John Barry as surveyed, laid out and staked and mapped by J. A. Fermour, surveyor, June, 1889, subject however to the reservation of all oil and gas and the right to lay and maintain oil, gas and steam or pipe lines across the same as reserved by John Barry in deed to first party herein by deed dated August 23rd, 1889, and recorded in Deed Book 51, page 3 0, etc. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house, one board barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of D. Healey at the suit of J. H. Healey.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

4.

Defendant' interest in all those certain parcels of land situate in Otto township, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz.:

FIRST PARCEL—Beginning at the northeast corner of the Amos Vaughan farm in the center of the public highway and the northwest corner of the Simon Gixford farm; running thence south along the east line of the said Vaughan farm four hundred and fifty (450) feet to the north line of the B. B. & K. railroad; thence easterly along the north line of said railroad one hundred sixty-two (162) feet to a stake; thence north and parallel with the east line of said Vaughan farm four hundred and fifty (450) feet to the center of the highway; thence westerly along the center of said highway one hundred sixty-two (162) feet to the place of beginning. Containing two acres, more or less. Improved and having thereon one one and a half story frame dwelling house with ell, one large frame barn, and one orchard of about 30 trees.

SECOND PARCEL. Beginning at the southeast corner of the James Baker farm and in the center of the highway; thence west along the center of the main street in Rixford to the west boundary of lot No. 4 of the sub-division of the said farm into lots supposed to be 150 feet; thence northerly and parallel with the east line of the Baker farm one hundred seventy five (175) feet; thence easterly and parallel with the first mentioned line about one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the said east line of the Baker farm; thence southerly on said east line one hundred seventy-five (175) feet to the place of beginning. Containing more or less, being the same parcels of land conveyed by John Onsel and wife to John S. Barlow and by John S. Barlow and wife to said Bridget Onsel by deeds dated June 10, 1893, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for said McKean county in Deed Book No. 81 on pages 62, 64, 66 and 68 respectively, to which reference is had, &c. It is understood that on payment of said mortgage money to E. H. Mayo, trustee, the first parties shall be free from all responsibilities as to the application thereof. Together with all and singular the buildings, ways, waters, watercourses, rights, liberties, privileges, improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame building with one story addition on the side used as a store room.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Bridget Onsel and John Onsel her husband, at the suit of E. H. Mayo, in trust &c.

E. H. Mayo, plaintiff's attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece of land lying and being in the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Pennsylvania, in the general plan of the borough of Smethport, denominated a square, and therein marked and designated with number sixty-nine (69), containing in breadth northwestward and southeastward about seventeen (17) perches and one-tenth (1-10) of a perch, and in length or depth north and south, sixteen (16) perches. Containing one acre and about ninety-six (96) perches, more or less. Being the same land contracted to be sold by Thos. A. Morrison to Wm. H. Picard by writing dated November 17th, 1891, and one of the squares conveyed to Thomas A. Morrison by the Bingham trustees by deed dated June 22nd, 1891, and recorded March 23rd, 1892, in McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 32 page 186, etc. No improvements except cleared and fenced.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Wm. H. Picard at the suit of Thos. A. Morrison.

Plaintiff.

6.

Defendants' interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania: Being lot number one, the northern half of lot number two and lots seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty in block number twenty one of the plot of the village of Allen, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of block twenty-one and the northwest corner of lot number nineteen; thence east along the line of street one hundred and six feet to the northeast corner of lot number twenty; thence southeasterly along the line of street eighty-five feet to stake; thence southwesterly about one hundred feet in the east line of lot number eighteen; thence southeasterly twenty-five feet to the northeast corner of lot number seventeen; thence southeasterly fifty-six feet to the northeast corner of lot sixteen; thence west by the north line of lot number sixteen one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence by line of street north two hundred feet to the northwest corner of lot number nineteen the place of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to first parties by James E. Bettsworth by deed dated March 17, 1892, and recorded April 15, 1892, at Recorder's office in Deed Book Vol "31", page 520, &c. Improved and having thereon one large three story frame building used as a hotel and known as the Burts House, and one small board barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of W. M. Lewis and H. W. Davis at the suit of Thomas H. Kennedy, assignee of C. S. Whitney who was assignee of Henry Hamlin.

James George, plaintiff's attorney.

7.

Defendants' interest in all that tract or parcel of land situate in the town of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning on the main road in the village of Harrisburg two hundred feet north from Elm street and west side of said road; thence along the line of said road north eight and one-half (8½) degrees east thirty-three and one-third (33⅓) feet to a post; thence north eighty-five and one-half (85½) degrees west seventy-seven and five-tenths (77 5-10) feet; thence south eight and one-half (8½) degrees west thirty-three and one-third (33⅓) feet to a post; thence south eighty-five and one-half (85½) degrees east seventy-seven and five-tenths (77 5-10) feet to the place of beginning. Containing twenty-five hundred and thirty square feet of land more or less. Being thirty-three and one-third (33⅓) feet off the south side of lot number fifteen (15) as per Thomas King's survey for J. N. Brennan and being a part of said lot No. 15 conveyed J. W. Brennan and wife to Margaret Cross June 12, 1877, as by reference will more fully appear. Reserving nevertheless all the oil and mineral rights thereto to the said parties of the first part and this land is deeded subject to said reserve in the deed of June 12, 1877, by J. W. Brennan and wife to the said Margaret Cross and also subject to the said reserve contained in a deed of the same premises made by the said Margaret Cross to Samuel E. Simons bearing date October 17th, 1877, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, Penn'a, in Deed Book Volume X, page 221, on the 25th day of March, 1879. Also subject to same reservation as contained in deed from said S. E. Simons and wife to Phinney Parker, dated February 1st, 1878. Improved and having thereon one two story frame house with ell and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Luema E. Beebe and Oscar Beebe at the suit of Richard Franklin, assignee of Louise VanWirt assignee of Samuel Mitchell.

M. B. Byles, plaintiff's attorney.

8.

Defendants' interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the north side of Pleasant street in said city of Bradford two hundred and seventy-six feet west from the northwest corner of intersection of Pleasant street and Center street; thence west along the north line of Pleasant street fifty feet to a post; thence north on a line parallel with Center street one hundred [illegible] to a post; thence east on a line parallel with Pleasant street fifty feet to a post; thence south [illegible] one hundred feet to the place of beginning. [illegible] subject to a mortgage [illegible] Savings [illegible] Loan [illegible] three hundred dollars [illegible] the same premises conveyed [illegible] and L. A. Terrell by Mary E. Franklin [illegible] dated May 17th, 1893 [illegible] of the Recorder's office of McKean [illegible] Deed Book Vol. [illegible] at page [illegible] improved [illegible] having thereon one two [illegible] dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

ALSO—All that certain lot of land on the [illegible] side of Bennett street in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania [illegible] along the [illegible] Lewis Run [illegible] easterly [illegible] to the place of beginning [illegible] one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, one one and one-half story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

ALSO—All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point where the division line of the old Tait and Whealen lots intersects the south line of the right of way of said branch of the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad company, said point being three hundred and twenty-eight (328) feet more or less southwesterly from the intersection of south line of right of way with the west line of Bennett street; thence northwesterly along said right of way seventy-two (72) feet more or less to west line of land conveyed to Butler; thence north along said west line of Butler lot one hundred (100) feet more or less to a point; thence northeasterly and parallel to right of way of said railroad and being north line of Butler lot fifty (50) feet more or less to west bank of Bennett brook; thence southerly along said west bank to south line of land conveyed to [illegible] Tait; thence easterly along said south line of Tait lot one hundred and ten (110) feet more or less to the said division line between the old Tait and Whealen lots; thence southerly along said division line three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet more or less to the place of beginning. Being a portion of the same land conveyed by John Whealen and wife to James Larkin and William Larkin by deed dated February 10th, 1893, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 55, page 380, etc. Improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of M. A. Terrell, L. A. Terrell, Terrell Bros., at the suit of the First National Bank.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

9.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the borough of Eldred, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the center of the iron bridge, it being at the easterly end of said bridge; thence south fifty-eight (58) degrees east seven and one-tenth (7.1) perches; thence south eighteen and a half (18½) degrees west three and nine-tenths (3.9) perches; thence north seventy-two (72) degrees west eight and three-tenths (8.3 perches); thence north thirty-two (32) degrees east five and nine-tenths (5.9) perches to the place of beginning. Containing thirty-six and six-tenths (36.6) square perches strict measure, be the same more or less, and being the same land conveyed to the Eldred Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Company, Limited, by William L. Sherman and wife by deed dated August 22nd, 1895, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, February 5th, 1896, in Deed Book Vol. 93 at page 6[illegible], etc. Improved and having thereon one one story frame building used as a butter and cheese manufactory, together with three large tanks, one Jumbo separator, two small tanks, one Babcock milk tester, one heating crate, one churn, one butter worker, one Davis and Rankin upright boiler and engine, all shafting, pulleys, belting, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereon situate and to the said manufactory belonging.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of the Eldred Butter & Cheese Manufacturing Co., Limited, at the suit of R. A. Rice.

E. H. Mayo & Son, plaintiff's attorneys.

10.

Defendants' interest in all that tract, piece, or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of lot No. 293; thence west along the south side of [illegible] street thirty feet; thence south twelve rods; thence east thirty feet to the southwest corner of said lot No. 293; thence south along the west line of said lot No. 293 to the place of beginning. Being part of lot No. 292 and the same lot conveyed to Laura E. Howell by J. H. Bradley by deed dated the 19th day of June, A. D. 1893, and recorded in McKean county records in Deed Book Vol. 33, page 5[illegible], &c., and being same lands conveyed to J. H. Bradley by E. F. Howell by deed dated June 15th, A. D. 1892, and same lot conveyed to E. F. Howell by Jane Davis by deed dated July 31st, A. D. 1892, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 6, page 516, &c. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods, ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house with addition and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Laura E. Howell and E. F. Howell at the suit of John Ley, assignee of Wm. Chambers.

E. F. Tait, plaintiff's attorney.

11.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land in the borough of Mt. Jewett, McKean county and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Lot 24 east on Kane street: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of lot 24 east; thence by said lot 23 east, south twenty-six degrees thirty minutes (S. 26 degrees 30 minutes E.) one hundred fifty feet (150 ft.); thence south sixty-three degrees thirty minutes W. (S. 63 degrees 30 minutes W.) fifty feet (50 ft.); thence north twenty-six degrees thirty minutes west (N. 26 degrees 30 minutes W.) one hundred fifty feet (150 ft.); thence by the south side of Kane street (thirty feet from the center thereof) north sixty-three degrees thirty minutes east (N. 63 degrees 30 minutes E.) fifty feet (50 ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing seventy-five hundred (7500) square feet more or less, and being the same land conveyed to [illegible] Lindow by Elizabeth D. Kane by deed dated July 5th, 1893, and recorded in Deed Book No. 81 at page 101, &c., and subject to all the restrictions and reservations contained in said deed. Improved and having thereon one two story frame building used as a store and dwelling with a one story addition on the side and one board barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. Lindow at the suit of Charles A. Carlson.

Jno. N. Apple, plaintiff's attorney.

12.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the borough of Kane, McKean county and state of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 3163, being lot No. 25 Janeway street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post in the south line of Janeway street fifty feet westward from the northwest corner of Janeway and Welsh streets; thence by the north line of Janeway street thirty feet from the center thereof, south seventy degrees west forty feet (S. 70 degrees W. 40 ft.); thence by lot of Annie A. Anderson north twenty degrees west one hundred twelve and one-half feet (N. 20 degrees W. 112½ ft.); thence north seventy degrees east forty feet (N. 70 degrees E. 40 ft.); thence south twenty degrees east one hundred twelve and one-half feet (S. 20 degrees E. 112½ ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing (4500) square feet. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house with addition and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of W. J. Wise at the suit of P. W. Hellaire.

A. P. Hays, plaintiff's attorney.

13.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township of Norwich, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Being part of lot No. 117 in the J. Colegrove survey, beginning at the center of the road in the east line of said sub-division No. 117; thence south on said east line [illegible] rods to a post corner; thence west by [illegible] one hundred [illegible] rods to a post; thence north by same and [illegible] rods to the center of the road; thence southeasterly along the same to the place of beginning. Containing 51 acres more or less. Partly improved and having thereon one one and a half story board dwelling house with addition, one board barn, and one young orchard of about twenty fruit trees.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Henry Kelly at the suit of The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on lives and granting annuities, executor of the will of John J. Ridgway, deceased.

John N. Apple, plaintiff's attorney.

14.

Defendant's interest in all that certain messuage, lot or piece of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point at the corner of State street and Barbour avenue; thence along said Barbour avenue seventy (70) feet; thence west thirty (30) feet; thence north seventy (70) feet to State street; thence along State street thirty (30) feet to the place of beginning, be the same more or less, being the same premises conveyed to Hara Cohen by Moses Flick and wife by deed dated May 19th, 1891, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of deeds of McKean county, Penn'a, in Deed Book Vol. No. 75 at page 530, etc. Being part of village (481) lot No. 481 in Warrant 3163 and part of the William J. [illegible] estate, and being also the same premises conveyed by Hara Cohen and wife to Mrs. Belle Allen by deed dated December 10th, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. No. 80, at page 423, [illegible]. Improved and having thereon one one story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of H. Allen at the suit of J. Kratzson.

S. B. Stone, plaintiff's attorney.

15.

Defendant's interest in a lot of land situate in the township of Sergeant, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and described as follows, viz.: Being part of sub-division No. 81 of the survey made by the late J. Colegrove in Warrant 3[illegible], and bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at post in west line of No. 81 being the southeast corner of Geo. Hurd lot; thence south on said sub-line [illegible] rods to stone corner; thence west [illegible] rods to stone corner; thence north [illegible] rods to post corner by said Hurd's south line; thence east on same [illegible] rods to place of beginning. Containing fifty (50) acres. With a one story board dwelling house erected thereon, a small board barn, a young orchard, about eight acres partly cleared and well watered.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Ferdinand Ahlgren at the suit of The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on lives and granting annuities, executor of the will of John J. Ridgway, deceased.

John N. Apple, plaintiff's attorney.

16.

Defendant's interest in all that certain tract [illegible] the city of Bradford [illegible] county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania [illegible]

[illegible]

ALSO—All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township, county and state aforesaid [illegible]

[illegible] Improved and having thereon one [illegible] frame dwelling house and [illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible] at the suit of [illegible]

[illegible], plaintiff's attorney.

17.

Defendant's interest in all and singular the rights, powers, privileges, immunities and [illegible] of the said Lafayette Manufacturing [illegible] including the franchises to be a corporation [illegible] now possessed or hereafter [illegible] of the said Lafayette Manufacturing [illegible] used or enjoyed in connection [illegible] together with all and singular the [illegible] and appurtenances belonging [illegible] the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and all the estate, right, title and interest whatsoever as well at law as in equity of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company of, in and to the same and also all and singular the lands, real estate and premises of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company, the party of the first part particularly described as follows, that is to say:

FIRST—All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a hemlock stub the southeast corner of Warrant No. 2303; thence east on warrant line five hundred (500) perches to a post; thence north one hundred and eighty-two and six-tenths (182 6-10) perches to a small birch; thence east one hundred and four and six-tenths (104 6-10) perches to a post; thence north one hundred and sixty-four and four-tenths (164 4-10) perches to a post; thence east three and seven-tenths (3 7-10) perches to a post in the west line of Warrant No. 2303 (said post being a [illegible] and four-tenths (4 4-10) perches south of the southwest corner of Warrant No. 2 [illegible]); thence north on warrant line three hundred (300) perches to a post the northeast corner of Warrant No. 2303, said post being in the south line of Lewis Run tract; thence west five hundred and ninety-three and four-tenths (593 4-10) perches to a post the northwest corner of Warrant No. 2303; thence south on warrant line seven hundred and fourteen (714) perches to the place of beginning. Containing two thousand five hundred and thirty and [illegible] acres more or less, [illegible] Warrant No. 2303 and part of Warrant 2304, and being same premises [illegible] to Charles S. Whitney and [illegible] her husband to Charles S. Whitney and Cooper [illegible] Wheeler by deed dated [illegible], and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 43, page 341, &c. And the said Samuel A. Wheeler's interest having been conveyed to Charles S. Whitney in deed dated July 1st, 1893, saving, excepting and reserving nevertheless from the above described premises unto the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns forever all [illegible] of the [illegible] in or under the above described land together with sufficient natural gas for use in developing and producing said oil, and all mineral rights to the said above described land and sufficient timber from said above described land for all oil wells that may be erected thereon. Together with all oil wells now upon said above described land with the rigs, boilers, engines, tanks, casing, tubing, pipe, fittings, fixtures and appurtenances to said wells belonging. Also together with all buildings now erected upon said above described land and also together with all rights of way and entry to, over and across the said above described land for the full and proper enjoyment of the several exceptions and reservations hereinbefore excepted and reserved to the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns, above grant is made subject to right of way granted to the Manufacturers' Gas Company, its successors and assigns for a gas line under articles by C. S. Whitney and S. A. Wheeler dated December 12th, 1887. Also subject to right of way or permits for National Transit Company's oil and gas lines and the Tidewater Pipe Company, Limited, oil line, and subject to the right of way of the Bradford and Western Pennsylvania Railroad company. Together with a number of lumber shanties and barns located thereon.

SECOND—All that tract or parcel of land situate in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows, 1st: Beginning at a post in the east line of Warrant No. 2304 at the southeast corner of lot No. 1 as surveyed by John W. Weeks; thence running [illegible] said warrant line south 2 degrees west seventy-six and four-tenths (76 4-10) perches to a post; thence north 89 degrees west one hundred four and seven-tenths (104 7-10) perches to a post; thence north 2 degrees east seventy-six and four-tenths (76 4-10) perches to a post; thence along lot No. 1 aforesaid south 88 degrees east one hundred and four and seven-tenths (104 7-10) perches to a post, the place of beginning. Containing fifty (50) acres of land, strict measure be the same more or less and being lot No. 2 of the survey made by John W. Weeks, surveyor, Oct. 15th, 1882, and a part of Warrant No. 2304. Unimproved.

2nd. Beginning at a point in the Kittaning road at the southeast corner of lot No. 5 of the survey before mentioned; thence running along the Kittaning road south 22 degrees west fifty-four and eight-tenths (54 8-10) perches to a post; thence along the north line of lot No. 4 north 85 degrees west one hundred and twenty-four (124) perches to a post; thence north 2 degrees east forty-seven and eight-tenths (47 8-10) perches to a post; thence along lots Nos. 3 and 4 one hundred and fifty and eight-tenths (150 8-10) perches to a post, the place of beginning. Containing forty (40) acres, strict measure be the same more or less, and being lot No. 5 of the survey aforesaid and a part of Warrants Nos. [illegible] and [illegible], being same premises described in deed by R. E. Miller to Charles S. Whitney et al., deed dated Jan'y 27th, 1888, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 7, page 461, saving, excepting and reserving nevertheless from the above described premises unto the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns forever all petroleum or rock oil in or under said above described land, together with sufficient natural gas for use in developing and producing said oil and all mineral rights to the said above described land and sufficient timber from said above described land for all oil wells that may be erected thereon. Together with all oil wells now upon said above described land, with the rigs, boilers, engines, tanks, casing, tubing, pipe, fittings, fixtures and appurtenances to said wells belonging. Also together with all buildings now erected upon said above described land and also together with all right of way and entry to, over and across the said above described land for the full and proper enjoyment of the several exceptions and reservations hereinbefore excepted and reserved to the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns. Partly improved and having thereon one one story board house and barn occupied by — Tibbitts.

THIRD—All the following described tracts or parcels of land situate in the township of Lafayette, in the county of McKean in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania viz: Beginning at the southeast corner of Warrant No. 2303; thence westerly to the southeasterly corner of a lot of land conveyed by John Wilkinson and Kittanning [illegible] to John Arnot of Elmira in the state of New York, being a part of Warrant No. 2303; thence northerly by line of said Arnot lot [illegible] perches; thence westerly by the north line of Arnot lot ninety-six (96) rods; thence southerly fifty (50) rods to the southwest corner of said Arnot lot; thence westerly to the southeasterly corner of lot No. 400 of the Kingsbury survey; thence northerly by the easterly line of lot No. 400 one hundred and [illegible] perches more or less to the northeasterly corner of said lot No. 400; thence westerly to the southeast corner of lot No. 402; thence northerly one hundred and one (101) rods more or less to a sugar tree on the south side of the highway leading from Bradford to Marshburg; thence northeasterly along said highway to the northeasterly corner of lot No. 401; thence southerly one hundred and sixty-seven and five-tenths (167 5-10) rods more or less to the southwest corner of said lot No. 401; thence northeasterly by southerly line of lot No. 401 one hundred and forty-four (144) rods more or less; thence southerly by line of lot No. 401 eighty-four (84) rods more or less; thence northeasterly by line of lot No. 401 one hundred and ninety (190) perches more or less; thence easterly by easterly line of said lot No. 401 twelve (12) rods; thence by southeasterly line of lot No. 455 ninety six (96) rods more or less to the southwesterly corner of lot No. 455; thence northerly by easterly line of lot No. 455 one hundred and fifty-nine (159) rods more or less to the highway aforesaid; thence northeasterly along said highway eighty-eight rods more or less to the northwesterly corner of lot No. 422; thence by southwesterly line of said lot No. 422 one hundred and forty-four (144) rods, more or less to the southwesterly corner of said lot No. 422; thence northeasterly by southeasterly line of lot No. 422 to land of Robert Evans; thence easterly by southerly line of said Evans land to the southwest corner thereof; thence northerly by easterly line of said Evans land and land of William D. Brown to a point in the southeasterly line of lot No. 444 [illegible] and fifty-seven (57) rods more or less southeasterly from the southwest corner of lot No. 447; thence by southwesterly line of said Brown's land to the southwest corner of lot No. 447 on the township line of Bradford and Lafayette; thence easterly along said township line to a point in the westerly line of lands of David Bullock; thence southerly by said David Bullock's westerly line to a point in the north [illegible] lands of Allan Foster in lot No. [illegible] to the northwest corner of said Allan Foster's lot; thence southerly to the southwest corner of said lot; thence easterly to the northwest corner of land of William Foster; thence southerly by the westerly line of said William Foster's land to a point in the northerly line of land of Jacob Lewis; thence westerly [illegible] (25) rods more or less to the southwest corner of said Lewis lot; thence southerly by westerly line of said lot one hundred (1[illegible]) rods more or less to the southwest corner of said Lewis lot; thence easterly thirty-one (31) rods more or less to the southerly line of said lot; thence northeasterly by said lands of said Lewis and William Foster to a point in the southerly line of lands of Allan Foster; thence easterly by line of said Allan Foster's land in Warrant number 2303 to the highway leading from Bradford to Lafayette; thence southeasterly along said highway to an angle; thence southerly sixty-one (61) rods more or less to the southwest corner of lot No. 460; thence easterly by southerly line of lot No. 460 eighty-two (82) rods more or less to the highway aforesaid; thence southerly along said highway to a point in the southerly line of Warrant number 2303; thence westerly by line of said warrant to the place of beginning, the lands hereby conveyed being embraced in Warrants numbered 2303, [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] containing in all [illegible] hundred [illegible] acres [illegible] being the same [illegible] conveyed to Samuel A. Wheeler by [illegible]

[illegible]

FOURTH—All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of the Lewis Run tract in the centre of the Bradford and Lafayette road; thence south 20 degrees east by the centre line of said road two hundred and ninety (290) feet more or less to a point an angle in the east line of the Lewis Run tract; thence north 70 degrees east two hundred and seventy (270) feet more or less to a point; thence north 17 degrees west two hundred and sixty-five (265) feet more or less to a point the south line of McMullan street, so called, on the Chas. Gorton map the northwest corner of lot 67; thence south 73 degrees west one hundred (100) feet to the northwest corner of lot 68; thence south 73 degrees 10 minutes west one hundred and twenty (120) feet more or less to a point in the north line of the Fuller lot, thence by the north line of the Fuller lot north 86 degrees 45 minutes west seventy (70) feet more or less to the place of beginning. Containing one and eight-tenths (1.8) acres more or less. Improved and having thereon one small frame office building, one frame and iron boiler house and one large frame building used as a wood alcohol refinery.

FIFTH—All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Bradford city, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northerly line of St. James Place the southeast corner of lot No. 1 of Whitney and Wheeler's addition to Bradford 1877, 1878, and running thence northerly forty-four and three-tenths [44.3] feet to the southerly line of lot No. 27; thence westerly twenty-five [25] feet along said southerly line of lot No. 27; thence southerly forty-four [44] feet to the northerly line of St. James Place; thence easterly along the northerly line of St. James Place twenty-five [25] feet to the place of beginning, and being known as lot No. 2[illegible] of Whitney and Wheeler's addition to Bradford 1877, as per map and survey of L. Gorton, said map being now on file in the Recorder's office at Smethport, Pa., in Deed Book 23 page 19 and being the same premises heretofore conveyed by S. A. Wheeler and May C. Wheeler, his wife, to L. R. Lockard, aforesaid, in trust for the Columbian Society by deed bearing date September 13th, 1890, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 54, page 418, &c., and by L. R. Lockard, trustee, conveyed to the aforesaid C. P. Byron by deed bearing date, Jany. 24th, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 68 page 469, &c., and by C. P. Byron to Charles S. Whitney by deed dated Jany. 21st, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 67, page 472. Improved and having thereon one two story frame office building.

SIXTH—All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, containing four hundred and thirteen acres (413 a) more or less described as follows: Beginning at a post the northwest corner of Warrant No. 3190; thence south [illegible] degrees west forty-six and five-tenths (46.5) perches to a post; thence south [illegible] degrees east one hundred and forty-five and four-tenths (145.4) perches to a post; thence [illegible] by line of land now or late in the possession of Marsh and Orels Newton two hundred and nineteen and three-tenths [illegible] perches to a post; thence east [illegible] hundred and twenty-eight and two-tenths [illegible] perches to a post in line of lot [illegible] to William Wilkinson [illegible] thence north by [illegible] two hundred fifty-six and [illegible] a post in [illegible] Warrant No. 3190; thence [illegible] west by said [illegible] three hundred and seventy-two [illegible] to the place [illegible] being a part of Warrant No. [illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of the Lafayette Manufacturing Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, defendant, T. B. Clark, [illegible], at the suit of Bradford National Bank.

[illegible], plaintiff's attorney.

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Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 3.15 p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, 12.17 p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 2:30 p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south.

*Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday 7.30 a. m.
Clermont Acc'm daily ex Sunday 12.17 p. m.
Clermont Acc'm daily ex Sunday 7.14 p. m.
*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

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TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

8:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., weekdays (10:38 a. m. Sundays); Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7.40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

6:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.
6:23 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5:55 p. m., Philadelphia 8:35 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium June. 6:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:40 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:30 p. m., Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:20 a.m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a.m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junct. 6:23 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Phila to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH	STATIONS	SOUTH
A. M. Lv.		Ar. A. M.
8 55	Ridgway	11 50
9 10	Johnsonburg	11 30
9 16	Bendigo	11 20
9 26	Glen Hazel	11 15
9 35	Straight	11 04
9 40	Instanter	11 00
9 46	Smith's Run	10 52
9 53	Woodvale	10 48
10 00	Clermont	10 40
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:56 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:45 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 2:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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2.35 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

4.35 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

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7.47 a.m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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1	3	6	STATIONS.	2	4	4
a.m.	p.m	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m	p.m.
6:55	2:20	7:59	Keating	9:10	2:3[illegible]	7:50
6:30	2:00	7:1[illegible]	Cowley Junc.	9:26	2:52	8:08
6:25	1:50	7:0[illegible]	Austin	9:40	3:05	8:20
.....	1:37	6:50	Costello	9:48	3:13	.....
.....	1:20	6:40	Wharton	10:00	3:25	.....
.....	1:17	6:30	Logue	10:09	3:34	.....
.....	1:0[illegible]	6:27	Hull	10:2[illegible]	3:47	.....
.....	12:45	6:06	Cross Fork Jc	10:45	4:10	.....
.....	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:23	4:48	.....
.....	12:00	5:2[illegible]	Galeton	11:30	4:55	.....
.....	10:45	4:21	Gaines	2:36	6:00	.....
.....	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	3:45	6:33	.....
	a.m	p.m.	Dp. Ar.	p.m	p.m	
a m	a.m	p.m	Cross Fork Br.	a m	p m	p m
5:4[illegible]	12:45	4:00	ar Cr F'k Je dp	10:50	1:[illegible]	6:16
5:3[illegible]	11:25	3:00	dp Cross F'k ar	11:40	2:00	7:10

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad, Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov. 4, 1895.

AR. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	LV. WESTW'D.		
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8.50	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.45	2.30	10.5[illegible]
8.45	7.21	2.00	Crowell's	7.51	2.40	10.17
8.30	...	1.56	Carpenter's	...	2.42	10.20
8.25	7.16	1.55	Perkins	7.56	2.45	10.25
8.20	7.13	1.50	R. & S. Ju'ct'n	7.57	2.50	10.30
...	7.10	1.45	Newfield	8.00	2.54	10.35
8.04	7.00	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.56	10.42
7.5[illegible]	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	2.59	10.47
7.15	6.50	1.21	Seven Bridg's	8.19	3.11	11.0[illegible]
7.1[illegible]	6.46	1.20	Colesburg	8.2[illegible]	3.15	11.17
7.00	6.40	1.14	Frink's	8.28	3.2[illegible]	11.17
...	6.30	1.00		8.43	3.35	11.3[illegible]
4.15	5.07	12.55	Coudersport	8.45	[illegible].05	1.3[illegible]
3.40	...	12.51	Hammond	...	...	1.34
3.39	7.51	12.40	Olmsted	8.51	6.06	1.40
3.31	7.48	12.41	Mina	8.55	6.10	1.45
3.25	...	12.36	Knowlton	...	6.18	...
3.21	7.38	12.29	Roulette	9.05	6.22	1.57
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	9.15	6.30	2.10
3.05	...	12.17	Coleman	...	6.36	...
2.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	9.4[illegible]	6.40	2.33
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 9, 1897.

South			Stations		North	
2:20	......		Clermont		1:55	......
2:21	......		Chatham		1:40	......
2:36	......		Wildwood		1:16	......
3:01	......		North Fork		1:03	......
3:11	......		Kay Fork		12:53	......
3:14	......		Gray Gables		12:50	......
3:20	...... 7:40	Ar Lv	St. Marys	Lv. Ar	12:35 11:20	7:35
3:33	7:45		Kaul		10:55	7:00
3:42	7:51		Deitch		10:49	6:52
3:48	7:56		Groff		10:41	6:44
3:56	8:06		Gillen		10:30	6:31
4:00	8:10		Paine		10:28	6:28
4:06	8:15		Centreville		10:21	6:23
4:14	8:20		Dagus Crossing		10:10	6:15
4:21	8:[illegible]		Shelvey Summit		10:06	6:06
4:30	8:36		Cuneo		9:50	5:56
4:35	8:40		Thompson		9:45	5:54
4:39	8:43		Curry		9:48	5:49
4:41	8:49		Brandy Camp		9:43	5:42
4:46	8:51		Elbon		9:4[illegible]	5:40
4:50	8:55		Hyde		9:34	5:35
5:10	9:10		Shawmut		9:15	5:15
p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect Nov. 15th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:30 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:30 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:05 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 8 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:35 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 6:16 p. m.

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